



# BUSINESS CHIEFS' A5 SAFETY FEARS

Report by Sue Austin

**A PROMINENT Oswestry businessman says the A5 is so dangerous that he fears for the safety of his staff who are forced to use it on a daily basis**

And another business leader says he prefers to drive through the town rather than use the heavily congested A5 Oswestry bypass.

The businessmen have spoken of their worries about the road as a campaign by the Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star for the town to be improved this week gathered key support from council bosses.

Shane Parr, who founded Stonehouse Brewery 10 years ago, employs more than a dozen people, including delivery drivers.

Mr Parr added his voice to the campaign to have the A5 included in the Government's Road Improvement Strategy and upgraded to a dual carriageway.

He said: "As an employee I feel responsible for the safety of the staff and I worry about the drivers who have to use the A5 daily."

"One day they could be driving north along the A5 towards Wrexham and Chester, another day south to Shrewsbury and south Shropshire. Traffic comes off the dual carriageways at Shrewsbury and Wrexham and suddenly we have a bottleneck."

"There are also the dangers of drivers who get frustrated sitting in slow moving traffic and overtake in the middle of the road."

Another local businessman who wants improvements is Mike Harris, chairman of Welsh Premier football champions The New Saints.

He says he often refuses to drive along the Oswestry bypass, instead going through the centre of the town that the road was built to avoid. "It is ridiculous but it is quicker," he said.

"We live in a beautiful part of the world yet we have a main road that is completely out of date. There are too many vehicles on our roads and this is highlighted on the A5, particularly at the Mile End roundabout and Oswestry bypass."

Leaders of Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Council have in the past week also voiced their support for the road to be upgraded to a dual carriageway.

Meanwhile, members of Oswestry Town Council were due to discuss the fresh calls for improvements to the A5 at a meeting last night (Wednesday). Councillors were due to debate whether to support the new campaign and its online petition.

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## Town steps back in time to the wartime era



Stepping back – Fiona Roberts, Mike Pearsall, Sean Latham and Caroline Higgs got into the wartime spirit. Photo: John Sambrooks.

THOUSANDS of people from all over the country donned their victory rolls, buttoned up their uniforms or pulled up their nylons to get into the spirit of a 1940s-throwback weekend.

Alan Crowe, the man behind Welshpool's wartime weekend, said its third event was bigger and better than before – and ideas were already under way for next year.

Many of the events throughout the 1940s

weekend, which ran from Friday to Sunday, were a sell-out he said, with lots of local businesses also putting on activities and getting into the Blitz spirit.

He said: "There was a lot more to do this year, tea dances and things like that."

"Sunday night's military wives choir performance sold out, the Blitz Ball on Saturday night sold out, the tea dance saw about 80 per cent of the tickets sold. The 1940s dance on

Friday night was a sell-out. Numbers are really up on events."

"When I first held the event three years ago, it was meant to be a one-off, but it has really grown. More shop windows were decorated this year, and two or three pubs have held events, so the businesses are really getting behind it." Mr Crowe said he is keen to see the event return next year.

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## HEALTH

### Midwife units to stay closed until the end of the year

SHROPSHIRE'S rural maternity units will remain closed until December.

The move was confirmed in a three-month review paper presented to the board of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust.

Oswestry, Ludlow and Bridgnorth midwife-led units were all temporarily closed in July over concerns about staffing levels at the county's main consultant-led maternity unit at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

Bosses have now confirmed the units will have to stay closed until the end of the year.

Speaking at the trust meeting Deirdre Fowler, director of nursing, midwifery and quality, said that progress had been made in recruiting more staff with around 20 new midwives in the process of joining the trust.

But she said that despite the success in recruitment, another 17 midwives were still required.

She said: "That is not to be understated because that is quite a chunk of midwives we have not got on the shop floor."

A review on the future of the midwife-led units is currently being carried out by Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

## HOSPITALS

### Referendum on A&E to take place

A DATE has been set for a referendum on the future of A&E services in Shropshire.

Welshpool Town Council has agreed to spend around £1,000 organising a referendum to see where residents of the town want services to be provided in Shropshire.

It will give residents the chance to say if they want an urgent care centre in Shrewsbury or Telford. Mayor Steve Kaye said the referendum would take place on October 26 and would help people better understand the health issue.

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# Holidaymakers are hit by collapse of airline company

Report by Sue Austin

**OSWESTRY holidaymakers were among the first to be repatriated after the collapse of the airline company Monarch.**

Friends, Margaret Bradford and Sandra Trevor, from Oswestry, flew to Barcelona for a weekend break, only to be caught up in the demonstrations and police clampdown of the Catalonia referendum.

Then, hours before their flight home was due to take off, they were told Monarch had gone into administration.

Sandra Trevor said: "We got to the airport and we were told that we would be on a Government repatriation flight. They found a plane but then they couldn't get any fuel for it so we had to wait again."

"We have been lucky as we had a good weekend and are back home."

Victoria Courtney and her partner, Mike, from Knockin Heath near Oswestry fear they will not be able to go on their holiday to Tenerife in a fortnight after they lost their flights.

"When we heard the news we immediately went on line to find another flight. But replacement flights would cost us about £1,000 more," she said.

Victoria lived in Tenerife for about 10 years, managing apartments.

She said: "I was there when the last financial crash happened about 10 years ago when three airlines went into liquidation all at the same time. It was chaotic. People were stranded on the island and just could not get home."

"Many of them had nowhere to stay as their hotels or apartments were re-booked and many had run out of money. We are disappointed about our holiday but we have not lost our jobs and security."

A three-day trip to Dubrovnik for her husband's birthday was under threat for Carol Appleton from Whittington.

She said: "I had booked for three nights in May with Monarch. I had to quickly re-book them on Easyjet. Luckily I had paid on credit card but I now have got the hassle of trying to claim them back from the bank."

## Young farmers triumph in tug-of-war contest



Rob Walker referees the final of The Clash of the Titans at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry

IT is a challenge of strength – so it was fitting that one of the strongest men in the UK was the referee at a charity tug-of-war competition.

Rob Walker, from Oswestry Crossfit, helped organise the British Ironwork Centre Clash of the Titans which attracted 14 teams, both men and women.

The event has become a popular date on the calendar for organisations such as Young Farmers Clubs, rugby teams and gyms.

Hundreds of spectators watch the teams in the heats of the all-day event before the spectacular final which sees the tug-of-war rope set on fire before the pull.

This year the finalists were two Young Farmers Club teams, Rea Valley YFC and Oswestry and Whittington Young Farmers, with Rea Valley triumphing for the second year running.

Other teams including male and female teams from the British Ironwork Centre, Crossfit Oswestry, Ruabon Fitness Centre,

Oswestry Rugby Club, Oswestry firefighters, FC Oswestry, Wrexham Council housing and economy department, Physique Fitness Ladies and Prees Young Farmers Club.

Clive Knowles, chairman of the British Ironwork Centre, thanked Rob Walker for his help with the event.

"He has won Crossfit titles in the past and we are now looking at bringing a strongest man – and woman – event to the British Ironwork Centre," Mr Knowles revealed.

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## Anniversary of historic treaty is recognised

THE 750th anniversary of the Treaty of Montgomery has been marked in the National Assembly of Wales.

Speaking in the assembly, Russell George AM drew Assembly Members' attention to the history surrounding the treaty and the celebrations in Montgomery to mark the occasion.

On September 29, 1267, King Henry III of England and Llywelyn ap Gruffydd, Prince of Gwynedd, signed the Treaty which recognised Llywelyn as the Prince of Wales. The 1267 treaty gave Llywelyn Builth, Brecon and Whittington Castle as part of the deal.

He also received an assurance that no castle would be built at Hawarden for 60 years by Robert of Mold, securing the north-eastern border of Wales.

However, following the succession of Edward I as King of England in 1272, relations between England and Wales deteriorated and Edward declared war on Llywelyn in 1276.

Mr George said: "I was delighted that the presiding officer gave me the opportunity to mark this significant occasion in Montgomery's history."

"To celebrate the 750th anniversary of the treaty's signature, Montgomery Town Council and partners arranged a short re-enactment of the treaty signing with local schoolchildren taking part." Other celebrations included a medieval banquet and entertainment in the town hall.

## Gardening expert set to give talk

TV gardening expert Christine Walkden will be speaking at an event in Oswestry on Wednesday next week.

The event has been organised by Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club and will take place at the Marches School. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Rowanthorn in Oswestry and cost £10.

# Tourist speaks of Las Vegas shooting terror

Report by Jonny Drury

**AN Oswestry man fled scenes of panic amid gunfire in Las Vegas that killed 59 people and injured a further 500 at an open air concert.**

Jon Moses, 24, was holidaying in the city when a gunman opened fire near to his hotel.

Police said the suspect, who was identified as local resident Stephen Paddock, killed himself at the Mandalay Bay resort and casino.

Mr Moses has described the panic following the shooting, as he walked towards where the incident was unfolding on Sunday.

He said: "We've just been to the MGM Grand for dinner and we're walking back sometime after 10pm. The first we heard was what sounded like firecrackers. That was as we crossed over the bridge from the MGM towards our hotel."

"Then as we walked past the valet and taxi area for the Excalibur I saw a few of the valets running around looking a bit panicked. We paused at the front entrance and heard some more gunshots."

"Then one of the valets came over and said 'hey guys don't head down that way, there's some sort of shoot-out with the police going on'."

"Then some more gunshots went off and he rushed us inside and gave us instructions on how to get back to our hotel. We went through there and made our way to our hotel and as we headed down the escalator into the casino floor of our hotel a guy ran in and said to stay indoors as there was shooting going on outside." Mr Moses and his work colleague, who he had made the trip with, ran back to their room as tensions heightened.

He said: "We got to the elevator with a group of other people and just got out on our floor and got in the room and locked the door."



Jon Moses

## Blooming great effort made by all!



**Receptionist Sara Binyon from Park Issa Vets celebrates success in the Oswestry in Bloom competition**

The finest gardens and floral arrangements have been revealed in the 2017 Oswestry in Bloom competition.

Every year judges go around gardens, pubs, and businesses to judge who has the best displays.

The winners of this year's competitions has been revealed, with the best dressed window going jointly to Out of Town, Fab Feet and Hobo.

Park Issa Vets won best commercial premises.

The best industrial premises was won by Arla, and The Oak Inn was voted best pub.

Other winners were: best kept school, Oswestry School, outstanding work by young people, Bellan House, best community project, Viscount Bridgeman Court, commercial premises, Queen Anne Passageway D&G Properties and Bubbles.

Others winners were also: bedded out front garden, Windsor Road, Brian and Ann Jones, all year col-

our front garden, Whitefriars, Brian Barnfield, evergreen front garden, Langland Road, Mrs O Beddow, rear garden, Ferrers Road, Mr and Mrs Martin, patio/courtyard, Oak Street, Graham Mitchell, bijou front garden, Viscount Bridgeman Court, Brian Kirkham, balcony, Regent Court, Rev and Mrs P Blackshaw, hanging basket, Meadow Rise, D Cartwright and R Kirkham, chairman's award, Eastern Oswestry Green Spaces Association.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### County council 'among the best'

POWYS is one of the better performing councils in Wales, according to the latest figures released by the Welsh Government.

The report, the 12th to be issued by the Local Government Data Unit, shows the county council improved or remained at the same level for 76 per cent of the comparable indicators in 2016/17 compared to 2015/16.

The findings rank Powys as the sixth best performing council in Wales, covering areas including education, housing, transport, planning, leisure and corporate health.

Councillor Aled Davies, deputy leader and cabinet member for performance, said: "The annual figures are positive and we are pleased with improvements in a number of key areas. Improvements at a time of considerable pressure on public service are difficult to achieve."

"However, there are areas where we can do better."

### Male voice choir to perform at school

NORTH Wales Male Voice Choir will be performing in concert at the Marches School in Oswestry to raise money for the Severn Hospice.

The tenor will be Rhodri Jones, and mezzo soprano is Gaenor Ellis.

It takes place on Saturday from 7.30pm, and tickets are available for £12.

The event is being sponsored by The Charlotte Hartley Foundation.

For information call Enid Thomas on (01691) 654838.

### Chance to enjoy the times gone by

A THROWBACK Thursday event will be held to learn more about years gone by.

People who live in Gobowen or the surrounding area with an interest in local history are being asked to share old photos, any anecdotes or memories. Residents are invited to go along to Gobowen Central Library and Hub on Thursday next week from 11am to noon for a special hour of reminiscence over tea, coffee and cake.

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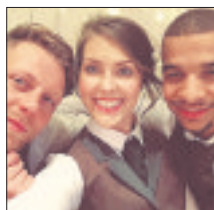
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Charlotte and her co-workers

# Charlotte lands role on First Dates

AN actress has landed herself a role in one of Channel 4's most-watched TV shows which helps singletons find love.

Charlotte Knowles, from Oswestry, has joined First Dates favourites Fred Sirieix and waitress CiCi Coleman at the London-based

restaurant. The popular dating show is back for a ninth season and Charlotte is set to make her full debut on Monday evening's episode. She will be waiting on tables and helping the couples, who are on a blind date, to fall in love.

Charlotte, who trained at the

Guildford School of Acting, began filming in March but has had to keep it a secret until the first episode aired earlier this month.

So far she's filmed 24 episodes at the Paternoster Chop House and said it's almost opening new doors in her career.

"My job is to wait on tables but we're there not only to serve people, but to help orchestrate the chats, make people feel at ease and ultimately help people fall in love," Charlotte said.

"It's been the hardest secret I've ever had to keep."

# Details of new transport festival released by council

Report by Jonny Drury

**DETAILS** of the event that will replace a shelved air show have been released.

Organisers of the Welshpool Air Show, which has run for several years, have decided to bring a halt to the event amid rising costs and poor recent turnout due to bad weather.

In light of the decision the town council has moved to replace the event and announced it will be holding Welshpool Festival of Transport in its place.

The festival will take place on June 23 and 24 next year.

The new event will celebrate all forms of transport from boats to balloons, horses to iron horses, and a wide range of classic vehicles.

Entry to the event will be free of charge, organisers have said.

Highlights will include displays of vehicles, a cavalcade through the town and exhibitions in the town hall.

There will also be a volunteer-operated heritage steam railway, the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway, running from the top of the town, while at the other end will be an even older form of transport at the Montgomery Canal.

The council is keen for as many transport enthusiasts as possible to play their part in the festival.

People with vehicles or exhibits they would like to be considered to take part at the event, should call Mike Kilvert on (01686) 610089.

Alternatively for more information people can contact officers at Welshpool Town Council on (01938) 553142 or e-mail town.clerk@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk.

## Showroom gets £50k upgrade

A SECOND major refurbishment in recent months has been taking place in the showroom of award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Oswestry.

This time, Arthurs has spent more than £50,000 on their car showroom, improving the flooring, ceiling and lighting.

General manager David Goldthorpe said: "Arthurs has always been keen to keep up with the latest developments in the motor industry and when Vauxhall recently upgraded their showroom requirements Arthurs was one of the first to agree to further investment.

"The refurb also includes various works to the walls and a new ceiling and associated lighting has also been installed.

"Customers have already remarked that the new-style showroom looks stunning and we are very pleased with the results."

## Couple conquer Kilimanjaro



Sophie and Josh at the summit of Kilimanjaro which they climbed together

A LOT of people hold an event or take on a fun run if they want to raise money for charity.

However, one Oswestry couple went a few steps further by scaling Kilimanjaro, the world's fourth biggest mountain. Sophie Jones and her boyfriend Josh began the challenge on September 15, flying out to Tanzania. The climb began on September 17 after two days of preparation.

It had been a tough few months for the couple to prepare, especially for Josh who was drafted in as a late replacement. Sophie

said: "I chose this because I wanted to raise a worthwhile amount and push myself. I felt so many people ask for money that if I go that bit further and do something big, people will be willing to sponsor.

"I chose Parkinson's because my step dad was diagnosed two years ago and my friend Ceri chose the Derwen, however she had to cancel a few months ago, so Josh stepped in."

Thanks to support from local businesses, events and a charity night, the couple raised £6,200 to be split between the two charities.



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# Man who set up cat trap gets 10-year animal ban

Report by Deborah Hardiman

**A MAN who set up a makeshift trap to catch his neighbour's pet cat has been banned from keeping animals for 10 years by magistrates.**

Michael Anitt used instructions from the internet to create the snare which captured the white tabby called Jeremy in his back garden at the property, in Erw Wen, in Morda near Oswestry.

He had intended to capture the cat and then remove it from the area, but his plan failed when the pet was discovered in a distressed state wrapped in wire and suspended off the ground by his horrified owners after he failed to return home on the morning of April 29. He was bleeding and suffered a foot injury during the ordeal.

## Volunteers needed for poppy drive

VOLUNTEERS are being asked to lend a hand during this year's Royal British Legion poppy appeal.

Organisers in Oswestry say they are desperately short of volunteers to man a stall or undertake street collections in the town.

Many areas have stopped the tradition of going door to door selling poppies because of worries for the safety of the charity collectors.

Instead, they stand in public areas and supermarket foyers asking for donations for poppies and other memorabilia, which raises money to help members of the Armed Forces and their families.

David Cooper, chairman of the Oswestry branch, said: "With the 2017 Poppy Appeal fast approaching, how can we honour and respect the brave men and women who daily put their lives at risk, on our behalf?"

"We can all help by making the 2017 Poppy Appeal a success in Oswestry, where the people have been so generous with their support."

The branch is hoping to have a poppy stand in Festival Square on October 28, November 4 and November 11.

Volunteers are asked to contact the legion's poppy appeal organiser Barbara Craig on (01691) 657677 or 07790 348299.

## £26k raised in Jake's memory



From left, fundraising manager Angela Rowe and Jake's auntie Lynne Morris

MORE than £26,000 has been presented to a children's hospital in memory of a teenager.

Jake Hughes, 16, from Glyn Ceiriog near Oswestry, spent eight months at Manchester Children's Hospital suffering with immune system problems and under going a bone marrow operation.

He suffered from multi organ failure and died on August 1, 2015.

When in hospital, Jake planned to raise money to brighten up the ward he was on, and two years later thanks to fundraising efforts by friends, family and the local community, £26,280 has been raised to fund the work.

The money was handed over to the hospital at a tea and cake event at the Canolfan Centre, which was attended by family, friends and others who had contributed to the fundraising.

Fundraising manager Angela Rowe attended the event, and read out a tribute from Professor Rob Wyn, who the family met during Jake's time in hospital.

The professor said: "I am so sorry that we were not able to make Jake better. He was a fine young man, and strong and determined. We are so grateful for this work of Jake's family and friends and will always remember Jake, a courageous, humorous, lovely young man."

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Welshpool really is becoming the events capital of Mid Wales, particularly with the announcement of an all-new Festival of Transport on the way next year from the busy town council. Don't let anyone tell you there's nothing to do in Welshpool. There's a festival of sport, a music festival, a country & western festival, a food festival and a Christmas/Winter festival. There's an annual carnival, and a 40s weekend, endless activities on the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway and Montgomery Canal and of course a range of events at Powis Castle.

And it's great news to hear that the town council is not letting the grass grow under its feet after the disappointment of having to ground the annual Bob Jones Memorial Air Show. The announcement of a new and completely revamped transport festival next June is wonderful news for the town.

Many of us can remember the early days of the transport festival which brought thousands of visitors to the area. But the event was down-graded and became part of the air show on a much smaller scale. This move by the council is to be applauded. The next time someone moans to you that there's nothing to do in Welshpool just rattle off this list of events – that should shut them up.

I'm right behind Oswestry Town Council's plans for installing charging points for electric and hybrid cars in the town car parks. The move shows not just the council's commitment for attracting people into the town centre, but also recognition of the way we will all be driving in the not-so-distant future. As the author of a motoring column for the past 40 years I have seen incredible changes in the car industry. Some might remember the days when we had to crank up our own engines – today's cars virtually drive themselves.

With oil reserves under pressure there is no doubt that tomorrow's cars will all depend on plugs-in. There's already over half a million electric and plug-in vehicles on the roads of Europe and more and more manufacturers are being shaken from complacency by the electric vehicle earthquake.

Along with e-bikes, electric scooters and electrified trains and trams road vehicles are part of a greener mobile future, kicking dirty cars and trains into the scrapyard. We are no longer questioning whether this will happen, but now it's how long it will take.



The Shropshire Star is calling for the A5 to be dualled



Telford and Wrekin Council Leader Shaun Davies



Campaigners want the A5 to be a dual carriageway

# Council leaders add their voices to road campaign

**A campaign to have the A5 improved is winning backing from council bosses. SUE AUSTIN reports**

**POLITICAL** leaders have thrown their weight behind a campaign to dual the A5, saying the move could play a vital part in the economic development of Shropshire.

Councillor Peter Nutting, the leader of Shropshire Council, said that he is "fully supportive" of efforts to make the road a dual carriageway between Shrewsbury and Oswestry.

His comments come after Shropshire Council unveiled a comprehensive economic strategy designed to bring more business to the county and to help those already here grow even further.

He said: "I have always fully supported the dualling of the A5 from Shrewsbury to Oswestry. If you travel through Europe people say you can travel from Naples to Northern Ireland and the only place you reach a single carriageway is in Shropshire and that's a nonsense."

The Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star launched its campaign to dual the A5 last week.

Since then more than 3,000 people have backed a petition calling on roads minister John Hayes to include the A5 between Montford Bridge, north of Shrewsbury, and the Welsh border at Chirk in the Government's national roads strategy and upgrade it to a dual carriageway.

Councillor Nutting said that the move would make it easier for companies to do business, potentially attracting more



**Shropshire Council Leader Peter Nutting is backing the Shropshire Star's campaign** businesses to the county, or allowing existing firms to expand.

He said: "In terms of Shropshire council's economic strategy we feel improvements to the A5 and the A49 are vital."

Councillor Nutting, who represents Copthorne in Shrewsbury and has advocated the creation of an airport to help boost the region, said he had raised the issue of the A5 with the West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street.

He said: "I have been talking to Andy Street and he is very supportive of the campaign and he's looking to see if there is anything he could do with the support of the combined authorities."

The A5 campaign has also won the support of Councillor Shaun Davies, leader of Telford & Wrekin Council.

one. I would praise the Shropshire Star for this positive campaign." Currently the 18-mile stretch of the A5 from Montford Bridge to Chirk carries tens of thousands of vehicles per day, and has witnessed a number of crashes.

With the exception of the Nesscliffe bypass, it is the only section of single carriageway road between Dover and Holyhead, a key strategic route linking the UK to Ireland.

The Shropshire Star has launched the campaign on the issue because of the belief that the road is inadequate to carry the volume of vehicles that travel along the route every day.

The campaign has already been backed by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson, who has a long history of campaigning for the road to be dualled. He has been a voice advocating the move since he became the MP for the area in 1997.

Mr Paterson said it was vital that the A5 be included in future investment plans from the Government, describing it as "an absolute priority".

Mr Paterson estimates the cost to the public purse as a result of the accidents on the road since 1992 as being in the region of £220m.

Shropshire Council's deputy leader, Steve Charnley, has also backed the move and said the route would be vital for the region's economy. He said: "We need this road dualled to help our economy."

The Star is calling on roads minister John Hayes to include the A5 in his Road Investment Strategy and upgrade it to a dual carriageway from Montford Bridge to Chirk. The Shropshire Star is asking readers to sign the petition so that it can be presented to the Government as part of the 'Dual It!' campaign.

● **People can sign the petition at** [www.shropshirestar.com](http://www.shropshirestar.com)

## WORKING FOR YOU



North Shropshire has historic links with the USA. Harold Macmillan appointed the former MP for Oswestry, David Ormsby-Gore, as the 36th British Ambassador to the USA in 1961 at the personal request of John F Kennedy, who had been a close friend of my predecessor at Oxford. I have gone regularly to the United States firstly as a backbencher, then as Secretary of State both for Northern Ireland and for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Later this week, I will be speaking on "Why Brexit is Great for the UK & the USA" at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

I will make it clear that Britain has no greater ally than the United States. The "Special Relationship" has been a cornerstone of our foreign policy for 100 years. The new American Ambassador, Woody Johnson, got off to a great start when he said last month "...as far as the President is concerned, the United Kingdom, our most enduring ally, is always ahead of the line."

The American Revolution and the 2016 Brexit vote had democratic control at their hearts; everyone is familiar with the rallying cry of "No taxation without representation." Polling immediately after the vote showed that the majority of people who voted Leave upheld the principle that decisions about the UK should be taken in the UK. In the months and years ahead, Britain must be guided above all by the decision which its people made in June 2016. The constitutional position we face is unprecedented. We have held a number of referendums over the last 50 years, but this is the first in which the people have contradicted the view of the political, judicial, financial, media and academic Establishment. We can now retake our full seat on world bodies. We will regain our right to vote, our right to initiate new regulations and propose amendments to existing ones.

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Owen Paterson  
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# Can Jeremy Corbyn rule in real world? Such a shame more use is not made of the front gardens

WAS the general election of 2017 just 1950 all over again?

Churchill and Corbyn were and are distrusted outsiders, until the calamity of war bought Churchill back into power and with it popularity.

The calamity that befell the Labour party while looking for a new leader after the 2015 election with no credible right wing candidate allowed Corbyn in, and with the 2017 result behind him allowed him to gain

popularity even amongst his own MPs. Even at 68 Corbyn's age does not count against him, no Ming Campbell effect here.

Theresa May has a majority of two with the help of the DUP. In 1950 Clement Attlee had a majority of two and only struggled on for a year. In the 1951 election Attlee, then 68, lost to Churchill, 76, giving the Conservatives a majority of eight.

In the 1951 campaign Labour used fear of unemployment and Churchill's alleged war

mongering as weapons. The Tories promised lower taxes, fewer controls and more houses and won. Corbyn used the lower taxes and more houses – but being a lefty cannot deliver on fewer controls. Some people feel he could win next time.

And here lies Corbyn's problem. Could he govern in the real world carrying all those left wing credentials as Attlee did?

**PETER STEGGLES  
Longnor**

## Moreton girls proved they had the gift of the gab



Winning smiles in November 1977 from Joanna Glover, Wendy Forster and Louisa Swithinbank who were three senior girls from Moreton Hall School, near Oswestry, who won a national public speaking competition in London

## Time has come for Telford to have single health trust

EVERY day I see how we are going to lose our A&E to Shrewsbury and not only that, the new women and children's service that cost us £28 million.

Each time we have a petition Wales gets involved and comes down on the side of Shrewsbury. Why are they involved in this decision making? Let's not forget it was the Welsh Assembly who did not pay the bill to our trust for services which they had used. Is this why our trust is so much debt or is it due to a long line of inadequate managers we have had over the years?

The fact is Telford has always suffered since joining Shrewsbury and now it's time we stood and saved our hospital.

I fear if we lose these services we will end up losing the complete hospital.

I feel it is now time to become a single trust.

Keeping A&E and women and children's we will still have to buy in services but we will be better off and we will be saving all the money wasted on Future Fit.

**MRS DREWRY  
Telford**

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## Common sense test failed badly

WELL, the politically correct wasters have done it again.

The money raised by a comic bed push £2,500 has been refused by the health trust. Everyone knows this was a comic bed push or is the politically correct person so thick she could not see this?

When giving people these high profile public jobs, a common sense test should be taken by them, I would suggest perhaps a D minus would have been attained in this case.

**D L BARNETT  
Arlenton**

## Here's a message to the scroungers that we help out

SO the Government has decided to raise the pension age again to 68. Why oh why do those of us that get out of bed every morning and earn an honest wage get penalised for it?

If I sat on my backside all day every day smoking, drinking and wingeing about what a terrible life I have, I would be given plenty of benefits and other handouts at the drop of a hat. Also, if I had small children I could put them into nursery for free so I could go back home and be a Jeremy Kyle candidate. Unfortunately for me, I have personal pride and have worked all my adult life so I pay my taxes in order for the scroungers to lounge about. I will have to work even longer now, so in advance I would like to say to all the dossers you are very welcome, I and thousands of others will continue to support you and no doubt your children when they grow up because you will have taught them that to be lazy is the correct way to live.

**KAREN BODEN  
Shawbirch**

WHILE over in my home county again, walking here and there enjoying the heat-wave, I am struck by the number of front gardens. Some have been turned into parking places, some are unkempt. Some are barely big enough for just one wheelie bin, and many are picture postcards of lush lawns and colourful flower beds. However, they all have one thing in common: They are empty of people.

I can understand not being 'out the front' when the weather is not up to it, but during a lovely spell of brilliant sunshine it would have been delightful to see folk enjoying themselves 'out front' – kids playing, others reading, etc, lunch or dinner or tea being had around a table, and so on – and me chipping in with 'lovely day, innit?' to share the happiness.

I live in a flat in Barcelona, where front (and back) gardens don't exist. To enjoy ourselves outdoors we go into the streets where we live and socialise. When I return here it comes as a shock to see almost empty streets and, this time, during this glorious weather, just about empty gardens.

I am left curious to know why people don't enjoy themselves in their front gardens when the weather is right. When I lived here as a child then teenager I remember we only went into our front garden to mow the lawn and keep the flower bed neat and tidy. I don't know why we didn't sit in a deck chair to read something or chat with passers-by over the hedge or invite whoever to a game of cards at a front garden table.

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## Pleasure over TV reunions

THE series on TV Long Lost Families can be quite moving.

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Someone once said we all have a God-shaped hole in our hearts, we are somehow incomplete until we come back to Our Father, and He longs to be in a relationship with us.

In the TV programme the people who do the work of bringing them together must feel great pleasure when families are reunited. Jesus is the one who reunites us to his Father, he came to earth to do just that and he had to break the sin barrier because that is what separates us from God. There is great rejoicing in Heaven over every sinner who comes back to Him.

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We've had a great response to the first week of our pet photo competition, which offers a prize of £100.

Some of the first entries received include:

Pamela Bell from Oswestry: "These are my three boys and must be the nosiest boys ever. Baxter the Yorkie, Louie the black cat and Murphy the black and white cat. Baxter looks like butter wouldn't melt! Don't be fooled." David O'Sullivan from Welshpool: "This is my dog Buddy, he is a puppy seven months old, a shitzu/pug. My mum brought him for me as I lost my dad two years ago and my own dog a year ago.



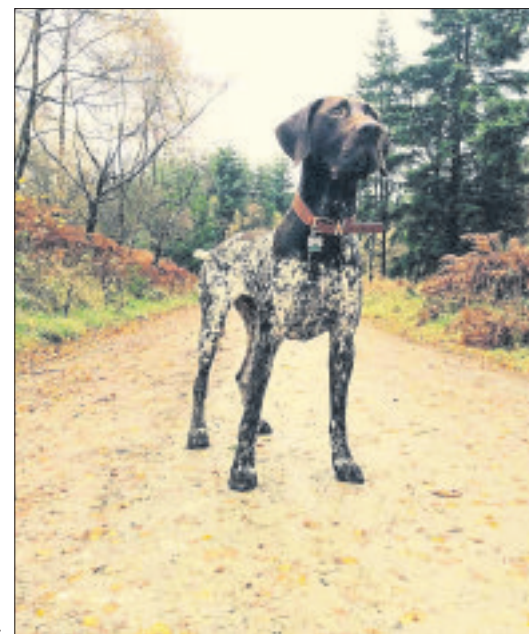
She wanted me to be happy again so she brought me him. He has made me really happy. He is the most loving dog ever and always by my side."

Paula Jones from Oswestry: "Seth, the one with head in cat flap, is our daughter Hollie's dog and is such a character."

"The four dogs are Wally, we rescued him end of March, our best friend's dog Milly, they got her after my friend had a heart attack, and Daisy, and my daughter and fiancé gave her a home because the owner was moving to Italy."

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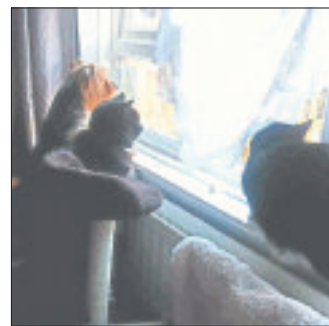
Handsome chap: German shorthaired pointer Troy from Ludlow



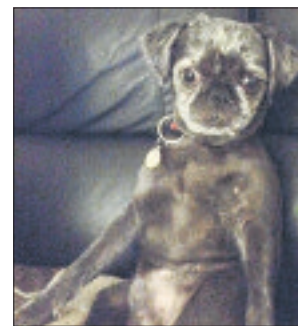
In a flap: Seth from Oswestry



Butter wouldn't melt: Baxter the Yorkie



Keeping watch: Baxter, Louie and Murphy



Loving: puppy Buddy from Welshpool

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## Ex-care home was £440k drugs base, court told

A CANNABIS factory in a former care home had enough plants to fetch £440,000 on the streets, a judge heard.

The drugs were discovered at Unity House at Llandrinio, near Welshpool. Ioan Copil, 35, a car salesman and valet of Church Street, Hadley, Telford, received a 16 month suspended sentence and must carry out 200 hours of unpaid work after pleading guilty to being concerned in the production of the drug.

Judge Peter Heywood was told at Caernarfon Crown Court that police found the cannabis in May last year after being informed about suspicious activity.

Copil, wearing a hi-vis jacket, was at the scene with another Romanian, a co-defendant who is now on the run.

There was no forensic evidence to link Copil with production of the drug or the interior of the building. He had been paid £100-a-day to ensure the building was secure, his barrister Waheed Baber explained.

Prosecuting, Elen Owen said there had been 200 mature plants and 800 smaller ones.

Judge Heywood said: "There were suggestions that three or four others were involved. It's difficult to ascribe a significant role to him (Copil) without evidence."

However he did have a drugs trafficking conviction in 2008.

Mr Baber stated that Copil had mentioned three or four others being involved but had said he wasn't prepared to name any "because it meant trouble for my family." His role had been linked to securing the property.

Judge Heywood said no DNA nor fingerprints had linked Copil with the production of the drug.

# New call for homes near hillfort to be scrapped

Report by Aimee Jones

**NEW figures showing Shropshire having a surplus of land to meet housing needs have raised hopes that controversial housing earmarked for land near Oswestry's Iron Age hillfort site can be reconsidered.**

Despite opposition, land near Old Oswestry Hillfort was included in Shropshire Council's SAMDev plan to help it meet the five-year housing land supply.

But the latest figures show the county has a 6.04 year supply of deliverable housing land, equating to 2,140 homes above target.

Campaign group Hands off Old Oswestry Hillfort (HOOOH) is now calling for the 117 houses allocated near the hillfort, which are included in the five year figure, to be reviewed and removed.

Dr George Nash, a heritage advisor to HOOOH, said: "Shropshire planners have clearly been working hard to turn around housing land supply and should be congratulated on the new figures."

"This must now provide the basis to review the hillfort allocation which is strongly opposed by many county electors, national heritage and environmental groups, and at the highest levels of British archaeology."

The report also reveals that the amount of housing built in Shropshire in 2016/17 is exceptionally high.

HOOOH says it is writing to the local planning authority, Oswestry Town Council, and other stakeholders to invite new discussion about conserving the hillfort.

## Children are kings of the castle



Max Woodhouse, Sophie Trow, Megan Buckingham, Alex Tough and Freddie Mills

CHILDREN walked through a time warp on their school trip to a 900-year-old castle.

The pupils from St Lucia's Church of England Primary School in Shrewsbury visited Whittington Castle near Oswestry as part of their history project.

Many of them were able to dress up in period costume, as knights, jesters and villagers from the time when Whittington was an important fortification along the English/Welsh border.

The castle, which is run as a community and education centre after it was saved from development by villagers, welcomes scores of school trips each year.

Pupils get the chance to explore the historic site on a tour and talk, and learn about some of the characters who once lived there. They also get to join a quiz and trail where they form teams of castle guards, entertainers and fools, castle servants, Lady Eleanor and guests, and a Welsh raiding party.

Tables for the visits are also set out for a medieval style banquet lunch. This year sees the 10th anniversary of a major restoration of parts of the ancient monument after the castle's preservation trust won Heritage Lottery funding.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Murder of diner owner is denied

A MAN has denied the murder of a roadside diner owner.

Satnam Singh Blugher was found with stab wounds at Tony's Diner on the A458 at Halfway House between Welshpool and Shrewsbury on June 26.

Mr Blugher had run the diner for 15 years.

Belkar Singh, 58, of Booth Street, Birmingham, denied murdering Mr Blugher when he appeared at Stafford Crown Court on Tuesday last week. He was remanded in custody and is due to stand trial at Stafford Crown Court on December 11.

A murder investigation was launched after Mr Blugher was found with serious injuries at the diner.

He was discovered at the diner by paramedics following a 999 call. Police were called and launched a murder inquiry.

### Fitness fans to get in a bit of a spin

FITNESS fans will be getting in a spin to raise money for a cancer fund.

John Evans, from Welshpool, had his own "brush with cancer" seven years ago and has fundraised ever since, helping the Shrewsbury based Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.

He has organised a Spinathon in conjunction with Great Escape and Fitness and the Armoury Sports Centre.

The event will be held at the Welshpool scout hut, the Cowshack, on Sunday between 10am and 2pm.

Mr Evans is hoping that people will take part in the event, spending time being put through a Spinathon class and donating a minimum of £20.

More details are available from the Armoury on (01938) 554143, Great Escape and Fitness on (01938) 559007 or Mr Evans on (01938) 691188.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Support group to meet up

PEOPLE with hearing or sight loss are invited to a visual impairment club's coffee morning and sensory loss exhibition.

The Welshpool club event takes place tomorrow (Friday).

Entry is free and it is being held at the Corn Exchange between 9.30am and noon.

People can try technology including the new Orcam print reading talking glasses and various electronic magnifiers from Optelec.

Also present will be Powys County Council's Sensory Service, Mid Wales Fire Service, Guide Dogs, and Disability Powys.

### Driver banned for failing breath test

A WOMAN who believed she was fine to be behind the wheel has been disqualified from the road after admitting a drink-driving charge.

Sarah Jane Ellis, of Gallowstree Bank, Welshpool, appeared before Welshpool Magistrates Court to face the charge.

Prosecutor Helen Tench said a police officer was travelling in Newtown when he witnessed a car veer onto the centre white lines.

The officer followed the car and stopped it. Ellis, 23, failed the breathalyser test.

Mrs Tench said there were aggravating factors as there were passengers in the car at the time.

Robert Hanratty, for Ellis, said his client was surprised by her reading. Magistrates fined her £360 and banned her from driving for a year.

# Former vote candidate aiming for leader role

Report by Jonny Drury

**A FORMER parliamentary candidate has thrown her name into the hat in a bid to become the leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats.**

Jane Dodds, from Welshpool, has twice stood for MP in Montgomeryshire, in a bid to wrestle back the seat from the grip of the Conservatives.

She also tried the same with the assembly seat, which was also once a Lib Dem seat, but was unsuccessful in all three attempts.

Now she wants a crack at the top job as current leader Kirsty Williams, AM for the neighbouring area of Brecon and Radnorshire, steps aside.

Mrs Dodds said: "You don't need to be a serving MP or AM, just to have been a candidate, and I want to give the party a fresh outlook.

"We were known in the past as the party of Wales and I want that to be the case again.

"There has been some difficult times in recent years for the party, we have no parliamentary seats and only one assembly seat.

"Things need re-building and I feel I am the right person to do that.

"It will take time to do, but I think we can do it."

Miss Williams, AM, is stepping down as she is currently part of Labour's cabinet as education secretary, and stepping down will allow her to concentrate on that role.

## Firm in line for prestigious award



Rhyddian Welson, sales and marketing director at Invertek Drives in Welshpool

DAYS after building began on an extension that will create 50 jobs, a Mid Wales company has been named as a finalist in a national award.

Invertek Drives in Welshpool has been named a finalist in the Made in Wales awards, which celebrates manufacturers achievements across the country. The firm is one of five finalists in the export award, with the winners due to be announced at a ceremony in Cardiff City Hall on Wednesday.

Rhyddian Welson, sales and marketing director at Invertek Drives, said: "I am delighted we have been shortlisted for this award because we are very committed to being based in Wales, so much so that we have just started work on a new 5,500m<sup>2</sup> factory next to our current headquarters in Welshpool.

"We export some 90 per cent of the variable frequency drives we manufacture at our current factory to more than 80 countries and to have this achievement recognised is very rewarding."

The work on the factory expansion began last month.

## Man pushed grandmother in face in shop assault

A MAN pushed his grandmother in the face in a shop and told her "it won't be long before you're dead."

William Mark Windsor swore at his grandmother in M&Co in Broad Street, Welshpool, in June 26.

A staff member reported the incident to the police.

At Welshpool Magistrates Court, the bench heard that Windsor, 31, of Mount Street, Welshpool, admitted an assault charge.

Prosecutor Helen Tench said the pair were in the store, and Windsor said to his grandmother: "it won't be long before you're dead."

He "prodded" her in the face and swore at her, with the member of staff reporting "disgusting" language.

When interviewed by police, Windsor said they had been in town and his grandmother had been saying things about his children. He admitted to pushing his grandmother but said he didn't punch her. Mrs Tench added the victim did not wish to make a complaint and did not have injuries.

Mike Davies, defending, said his client had a problem with crack cocaine and had been seeking help.

He said it had been a traumatic time for the family with proceeds on going related to his children.

He added his client was willing to answer questions about the incident, even though he knew his grandmother did not wish to make a complaint.

Mr Davies said a pre-sentence report would be required due to the domestic violence nature of the offence.

Magistrates agreed and adjourned the case to October 17 for a report.

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Visitors can also enjoy the pop-up café run by the students of Derwen College. Entry is free.

Then, on Sunday, it is the return of Wonderful Wool Day.

This year promises extra special treats with yarns spun and dyed by local artists.

Entry is £4, free for under fives.

On both days, doors open from 11am till 4pm.

## Support group to have stall at store

THE most common form of sight loss in the UK will be taking centre stage in Oswestry on Saturday.

The Oswestry Macular Support Group will have a stall at the town's Sainsbury's Black Gate superstore to offer information about age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and raise awareness of macular disease.

From 9am to 6pm, members of the group will be on hand to talk to visitors about the group's activities, how it helps people with macular conditions living locally and additional support available in the area for people with vision loss.

The Oswestry Support Group meets at the Qube Centre in Oswald Road on the third Friday of each month and is one of more than 350 macular support groups all over the UK, offering information, encouragement and friendship to people with macular disease.

# Man jailed for a raid on town shop loses appeal

Report by James Pugh

**A DRUG addict jailed for a raid on an Oswestry shop has failed to convince top judges that his conviction made no logical sense.**

Carl Cowans forced a terrified shopkeeper at the Boozed Up store, in Salop Road, to hand over £450 cash and packets of cigarettes in November last year.

The 36-year-old, of Garth Owen, Newtown, was jailed for 21 months after being found guilty of robbery. He was cleared of possessing a bladed article in a public place. On Thursday last week Cowans tried to have his conviction overturned at the Court of Appeal, in London, with his lawyers arguing it was "unsafe". They said there was not enough evidence he was responsible for the robbery and argued the jury's verdicts were "inconsistent".

But his complaints were rejected by three of the country's most senior judges, who said the different verdicts on each charge could be explained.

The court heard shopkeeper Harkamal Dhillon was in the store at about 9pm on November 21 last year when a man wearing a hooded top entered.

Dismissing his appeal, Lord Justice Bean said it was possible that members of the "thoughtful" jury were certain Cowans was the hooded robber, but not convinced he had a knife. Sitting with Mr Justice Spencer and Mr Justice Gilbert, he said: "We infer from the jury's verdicts that they had a doubt about whether a knife had been used, but no doubt that Mr Dhillon had been robbed."

## Seal of success for detectorists



Tim Saylor who found the Papal bull seal in fields near Oswestry

A PAPAL seal from medieval Rome has been found in a field.

There have only been eight recorded finds of such seals in the UK, which were placed on important documents by the Pope.

The ninth was discovered by those behind Metal Detecting Holidays, near Oswestry, and dates back to the time of Pope Pius II, from about 1400 AD.

Chris Langston from the company said that the papal seal or 'bull' as it was known had been in use since the 6th century.

They were used on important documents to ensure their authenticity was above suspicion.

He said that from the 13th century, papal bulls were only used for the most formal or solemn occasions.

The Metal Detecting Holidays company was set up by Mr Langston, Louise Idoux and John Flaherty.

It is the second find for the holiday company recently, after US television star Jocelyn Elizabeth found a 'pierced' French 1553 Silver Teston coin.

The Relic Recoverist presenter and other media detectorists including personalities from the National Geographic Channel's Diggers, were invited by Mr Langston to try a holiday out for themselves.

## Councillors' opposition to plan for shop remains

A PLANNING application for a retail unit near a supermarket in Mid Wales has been opposed to for a second time by councillors.

The unit is next to the new B&M Bargains store on Mill Lane in Welshpool.

B&M purchased the three units on the site from Tesco, and turned two of them into a store leaving one vacant unit on the end.

Earlier in the year they applied for planning permission to turn the unit into a shop, with potentially a cafe.

It was rejected by councillors because they felt it would have an impact on town centre businesses.

It came back again to Welshpool Town Council for debate on Wednesday last week.

The application was opposed to for a second time by councillors who said the stance had not changed.

They said it would impact town centre shops, and that the town council have worked hard to build the centre in 10 years.

The proposal said the unit would be broken into three, and the town council felt it would threaten the good work done.

However, despite acknowledging where certain councillors were coming from, Mayor Councillor Stephen Kaye insisted there was scope for a shop there, near to the canal in the town.

He said: "It is about the size of M&Co in the town."

"I think we might have possibly missed an opportunity there, but I can understand where other councillors are coming from."

"It could have been a cafe next to the canal with seating outside, which would have been good."

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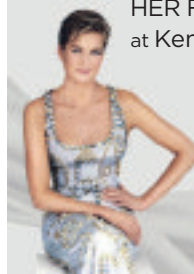
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## MP will talk at stoma meeting

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies will be the guest speaker at a meeting for people with stomas and their families.

The Shropshire BOTS group will meet on Thursday next week at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry from 10.30am until 3pm.

During the day there will be a talk on diet and nutrition from Helen Bracey from ConvaTec, and Mr Davies will talk about his own experience of life with a stoma.

There will also be distributors explaining more about their products and offering complimentary samples, organisers said.

The event will be opened by the Mayor of Oswestry, Vince Hunt.

## Group is batty about barn owls

BATS and barn owls are keeping members of the Three Parishes wild-life group enthralled this autumn.

The group, which takes in the parishes of Weston Rhyn, St Martins and Gobowen and Selattyn, met at Chirk Castle recently for a guided walk with head ranger Carl Green to see the bat colony. On October 19 there will be a talk on barn owl conservation with expert John Lightfoot at the Pavilion in Gobowen while on Thursday next week Leo Smith will present the results of the lapwing and curlew survey which members took part at a meeting in The Chapter House, Parish Church, St Martins. Both meetings start at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome with a charge of £2 each.



Woodside Primary School pupils enjoyed their taste of modern university life



Holy Trinity Primary School pupils with their mortar boards and certificates



Whittington Primary School pupils took part in the event



The Meadows Primary School pupils graduating

# Pupils enjoy taste of university life

**YOUNGSTERS** from Oswestry enjoyed a taste of university life, and even took part in a graduation ceremony, as part of a competition run by the town's Marches School.

A total of 54 Year Six students from primary schools in and around Oswestry took part in the initiative.

The trip to Chester University was de-

### Report by Aimee Jones

signed to ignite the aspirations of Year 6 students and provide them with an insight into higher education and the opportunities that will be available to them in the future.

Students spent the day at the Chester University Parkgate Road campus and attended a range of activities and presentations organised by Isobel Leah

from the outreach team. Activities included 'Step into Secondary' by Performing Pathways, a 'University Journey' workshop and a graduation ceremony, where students collected their certificates wearing their very own mortar boards which they made themselves.

The primary schools involved were Woodside Primary, Holy Trinity C of E Primary, Trefonen C of E Primary, The Meadows Primary, Whittington Primary and Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic Primary School.

# Organ concert key to £1,500 donation



Pictured, from left, Warren Appleby, Betty Bromley MBE, Barbara Parker and Rhiannon Jones

A HARD-WORKING charity team has raised more than £1,500 from a concert in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Betty Bromley MBE, and her Oswestry team held the organ concert, featuring Andrew Nix, at the Marches School.

Further collections took place at M&S on Smithfield Road in Oswestry,

and a total of £1,650 was raised for the foundation's research.

Mrs Bromley thanked everyone who attended for their support and said £12,000 has now been raised since the first charity event for the British Heart Foundation five years ago.

Warren Appleby, BHF fundraising manager for Shropshire added: "We are thrilled by the success and positive

difference that Betty and her team make in Oswestry, with every event and every extra pound they provide with their dedicated fundraising."

Mrs Bromley has organised concerts for decades which have raised more than £50,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support and other charities.

She was awarded an MBE in 2009 for charitable services in Oswestry.

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## Online shop directory proves a hit

AN online shopping directory celebrating the work of independent businesses is going from strength to strength.

The directory was devised by Gobowen businesswoman Barbara Steadman.

In Christmas 2015, Barbara set herself the mission of only shopping with independently run shops. She found that was easy on the high street.

But she found she couldn't always get everything from independents in her local town, so Barbara instead turned to looking for small shops online too.

Knowing the shops were out there and finding out others like to shop at independently run shops too, gave Barbara an idea. She would find these shops and share them with others.

So, Love Our Shops UK was launched – an online shopping directory and blog with the sole aim of helping shoppers find these unique shops.

Following the successful launch of the directory in June, Love Our Shops UK has gone from strength to strength, featuring more than 100 shops so far with thousands more in the pipeline.

"Since starting this adventure I have found literally thousands of wonderful, independently owned online shops, being run right here in the UK," explains Barbara. "Each one is completely individual and unique. All are special and provide great personable customer service. It is also lovely to see a face behind the store and get to know the shop keeper."

Barbara's directory can be found at [www.loveourshopsuk.com](http://www.loveourshopsuk.com).

## Motorist's U-turn led to biker's crash

A MOTORCYCLIST suffered multiple injuries when he was knocked off his bike by a car that did a U-turn directly in his path.

Car driver Michael Ian Sadowska, a 32-year-old tree surgeon, was sitting in a queue of traffic on the A5 at Chirk near Oswestry, in April.

He decided to do a U-turn to go a different way and pulled out as motorcyclist Alan Parker was riding past.

Flintshire Magistrates Court heard how the motorcyclist was thrown through the air and landed in the opposite carriageway. He suffered multiple injuries and had to use a wheelchair after he broke his ankles and wrists and suffered ligament damage to his left knee.

Sadowska, 32, of Oak Avenue in Penley near Whitchurch, admitted careless driving and was fined £235 with £85 costs and a £30 surcharge. Five penalty points were placed on his licence.

Euros Jones, defending, said traffic had built back up, and everyone was doing U-turns to go and use back lanes. Mr Jones said of his client: "He looked once but accepts that he should have looked ahead before making that manoeuvre."

## Run event could come to attraction

IT won't be the African plain or the South American jungle – but those taking part in a new park run will get to see some exotic creatures during their exertions.

Talks are under way to launch one of the national, Parkrun UK events at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry.

The centre is known for its sculpture park which features lifesize works of art including elephants, giraffe and other animals and birds from across the world. Support has already come from local athletics club, Oswestry Olympians, and Oswestry School. A meeting for anyone interested in getting involved will be held at the Ironwork Centre soon.

The nearest park runs for people in the area are currently in The Quarry, Shrewsbury or Erddig near Wrexham.

More details about the meeting will be available from the ironwork centre.

# High praise given to rotarians' safety initiative



Rotarian Justin Soper delivers the anti-bullying scenario during the Lifeline safety event

A SAFETY initiative organised by rotarians has been highly praised.

The Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial Crew event started at Nesscliffe camp in 1994 to provide Year 6 pupils with key safety tips.

The initiative has developed over the years and thanks to a bequest from local author and naturalist Mary Hignett, Oswestry Rotary

Club set up its own event in 2006 for local schools from both Oswestry and Wales. Life-Line, as the event is known, is run at Park Hall Showground near Oswestry with the whole club involved in the planning and setting up.

Scenarios by the fire and police services, HM Coastguard, St John Ambulance, NFU and British Transport Police operate alongside

advice workshops on stranger danger, internet safety, bullying and cycle and road safety scenarios. Between 400 to 500 children attend each year.

This year, the club invited guests to visit the event and see the project in action.

Charles Lillis and Sue Thompson, the High Sheriffs of Shropshire and Powys, were there



Road safety advice was given to children who attended the Lifeline initiative

to see the pupils put through the scenarios. Mr Lillis said: "What a great event this is. I grew up on a farm where it was 'the survival of the fittest'. The guidance given by the NFU is particularly valuable for those who have never had my experience."

Rotary District Governor Beryl Cotton also attended and complimented the project.

# Community games are a hive of activity once again



Lee Hayward from Wynnstay Coach House fitness suite gave health advice during the fifth community games in Oswestry



Members of Croesoswallt Archers gave lessons during the community games



Oswestry Mayor Vince Hunt with special guest Kelly Edwards and community games master of ceremonies James Bond

By Aimee Jones

**HUNDREDS of families packed out Oswestry's award-winning public park to have a go at judo, tai chi, belly dancing and more.**

The fifth Oswestry Community Games took over Cae Glas Park and saw people try out a whole host of different sports.

Shropshire's Kelly Edwards, who represented Team GB Judo at the London 2012 Olympics, was this year's guest of honour and even tried her hand at boxing.

Clive Knight, key organiser, said: "It was encouraging to have Kelly Edwards as our guest of honour who threw herself enthusiastically into the role, trying out a range of activities that she had not had a go at before, and talked to many people during the course of the day."

"It is very encouraging to see the progress made on last year's games in the variety of activities on offer. Many thanks go to all our local sponsors, to our working group, and in particular to Hazel Davis our arts coordinator who worked tirelessly throughout the year to help make this great event happen." Music, arts and dance was also on the menu for 2017 including a live performance from local group Bartells and African drumming workshops.

Pupils from Trefonen, Whittington, Gobowen, Our Lady and St Oswald's and Bellan House primary schools, accompanied by teachers, brought along teams to take part in the taster sessions on offer. The day raised £170 for Kelly's chosen charity, Ronald McDonald House, which provides free 'home away from home' accommodation for families with children in hospital.



Kelly Edwards got her boxing gloves on at the games



Youngsters from Oswestry and the surrounding villages attended the games



Chloe Elizabeth Dance Company in action. Photos: Ailsa Rham Photography.





The villages of Llanymynech and Pant sit in picturesque countryside on the border of Mid Wales and Shropshire

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## Commercial feature

pubs, restaurants, bed and breakfasts and churches.

Other local businesses in the area include convenience stores, hair salons and veterinary centres.

Llanymynech and Pant have a proud industrial heritage.

The picturesque village of Llanymynech is home to one of only three remaining Hoffmann kilns in the British Isles, and the only one with a chimney.

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## Residents receive vital aid training

A GROUP of residents undertook life-saving training in preparation for installing a defibrillator in their village near Oswestry.

Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club and community responder, Effie Cadwallader, held the workshop.

The workshop saw the group learn how to recognise a heart attack.

The group also practised resuscitation and was taught how to use a defibrillator.

The session was organised by Doreen and Alister Rae who are driving a fund-raising campaign to buy the life-saving equipment to install in the village of Sallattyn.

Each attendee went away with a well-earned Heart Start certificate issued by the British Heart Foundation.

The certificate means that they now have the skills to sustain life until the paramedics arrive.

If any clubs or groups in or around Oswestry would like to learn the same basic life-saving skills and how to use any the many public access defibrillators around the town, they should contact the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club.

The club is also ready to welcome men and women of over the age of 18 from all professions, businesses and the local community.

The group meets informally at The Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry on Thursday evenings.

For more information contact Mike Lade on (01691) 650854 or email oswestrycambrianrc@btinternet.com

## Centre gets new door from housing group

A COMMUNITY centre has been fitted with a new door thanks to a grant from a housing chest fund.

Chirk Bank Community Group applied for the money last year to replace the old door which was letting wind and rain into the building which is more than 100 years old.

They were given £500 from Shropshire Towns and Rural (STAR) Housing's Community Chest fund which was put towards buying and fitting the door.

Angela Bright, chairman of Chirk Bank Community Group, said: "We are so pleased that we were given this money which has enabled us to buy and install this new door. Made of oak, it's in keeping with its surroundings as the community room is within the World Heritage zone."

"STAR Housing do lots of really good work and we are so grateful as this isn't the first time we've received funding - we've also been able to install secondary glazing at Weston Rhyn Village Hall with help from the fund."

"The door will help to keep the well-used community room an awful lot warmer."

## Rock and roll to raise charity cash

A JIVE club is continuing its successful air ambulance appeal with its annual rock and roll dance.

The event on Saturday at Welshpool Town Hall will feature live music from two of Welshpool Jive Club's favourite dance bands, Eddy Gartry and the Rockets and Steady Ed and the Boogiemen, plus local DJ Howard Wright, aka H playing his favourite dance music in between the live music sets.

Tickets are £10 in advance. They are available by calling organisers Steve on (01686) 650139 or 07730 454864 or Howard on 07951 239687.

They are also available from Sue at Alexanders in Welshpool on (01938) 552329.

Mid Wales Music Centre in Newtown also have tickets for sale.

The jive club is held every Tuesday evening at the Cowshace in Welshpool.

## Group opens second charity shop to serve community



Gemma Cassin outside the new Chalk charity store in Leg Street in Oswestry

A GROUP of volunteers has successfully launched a second town centre charity shop.

The team from Chalk community interest company recently opened an outlet on Leg Street in Oswestry.

Gemma Cassin, Liz Dando, Marcia Meredith and Wendy Keats set up the company in 2014 with a £250 loan and have since grown it into

a thriving business which supports the local community.

"It's great to be opening a new outlet," Wendy said. "It will essentially replace our shop in Castle Street which has now closed down, so this one is more in the centre of town. The new shop is more like a traditional charity shop where good quality furniture will be sold."



The new Chalk charity store in Leg Street has a wide variety of goods on offer

"Our main shop down the road is where we do the upcycling, recycling and workshops."

Some of the items in the outlet will also go to support families in need as part of Chalk's Alert project. The scheme provides free furniture to those re-homed through homelessness, fires or those unable to purchase furniture due to poverty and crisis.

Wendy added: "We usually have two or three families every week using Alert and they're all from the Oswestry area. People come to us because of changes to work or benefits, or other circumstances. We give them what they need to get back on their feet whether it's white goods, beds, curtains or anything else. We're here to serve the community."

## Town gets into the spirit as it takes step back to wartime



Mike Burgum from Mid Wales Model Boat Club with his collection of naval vessels and landing craft



Tony Watkiss from the Spitfire display team at the 1940s weekend



Amos Burke, Simon Kerston and Ben Wilkes from Spirit of the Home Front at the 1940s weekend in Welshpool. Photos: John Sambrooks.

### Report by Sophie Madden

**VISITORS and locals got into the wartime spirit during Welshpool's 1940s weekend.**

A whole host of events was held in the town for the third annual wartime event.

The event was once again organised by local man Alan Crowe who said he was delighted once again with its success.

Many people enjoying the events put on their best 1940s costumes, and Mr Crowe said attendees really got into the spirit of the event. He said: "We had lots of costumes, people as both military and civilian, from the French resistance, a whole range. "We also had King George VI here for the first time, Mr Churchill comes every year but the King was a first. I met him at another 1940s weekend and he said he had heard good reports about Welshpool and agreed to come down."

"Word is getting out and we are establishing ourselves as a really good forces event."

A big draw was the Spitfire which was outside Welshpool Town Hall.

He said: "A lot of events have a Spitfire that you can look at and take pictures in front of but this one you can get in the cockpit and really get a feel for it, fly it in your head."

Mr Crowe said he is keen that the event will return next year and said there are already a number of ideas "floating around".

He added: "We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us and the merry band of helpers who baked cakes and helped out, without them I'd never be able to do it."



Dawn and Kevin McCracken with their ration display



Sir Winston Churchill, portrayed by Robert Burns from Walsall, attended the event



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## Special Report

### Bosses asked to chant at top meeting

HOSPITAL bosses were told to chant "we can do this" by a NHS official in an effort to improve their accident and emergency performance, it has been revealed.

It was reported that the incident happened at a meeting attended by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Simon Stevens, the head of the NHS in England.

The leaders of about 60 trusts deemed to have the worst A&E waiting time record were called into a meeting held in London on September 18.

Simon Wright, chief executive of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, attended the meeting in London and said it was useful to meet other colleagues. He said: "I certainly wasn't chanting. I think what they were trying to convey is that although this is a difficult environment there are things that everyone can do to improve performance. They were seeking to encourage teams that this is something we can do better than we are doing at the moment. I would accept that. We have to do that through learning and not blame.

"The meeting was useful in the sense I met with other colleagues I had not seen in a while and was able to ask them how they are meeting some of the challenges and any top tips they might have.

"I think understanding what the context is from a national point of view is also helpful because you can then appreciate the level of requests through the winter period."

### 'Catastrophic' impact fears

COUNCILS have warned the Health Secretary of a "catastrophic impact" if the Government withholds millions of pounds of funding for adult social care.

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Councils have joined nine other councils in the region writing to Jeremy Hunt, expressing their concern over "unrealistic targets" for cutting bed blocking in hospitals.

The target is for the number of NHS beds taken up by delayed discharges to be reduced to 3.5 per cent by this month. If the target is not met then some money from the Better Care Fund will not be transferred to councils for adult social care.

The 11 councils say they could lose out on £150 million as a result.

Councillor Shaun Davies, leader of Telford & Wrekin Council, said the targets were "unrealistic".

He said: "This in turn will have a catastrophic impact on the ability of local authorities affected to deliver essential services including reablement, home care and residential/nursing care. The threat of funding being withdrawn has also damaged relationships.

"We are therefore urging Mr Hunt to provide assurances as a matter of extreme urgency that all local authorities will receive their funding in full."

### Network set to meet up in town

THE Shropshire & Mid Wales Network of Chron's and Colitis UK will meet in Oswestry on October 14.

The meeting takes place from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at The Memorial Hall in Oswestry.

The event will be the group's first ever meeting in Oswestry. Dr Jeff Butterworth, gastroenterologist for Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital, will be in attendance.

A spokesman said: "The meeting is an opportunity to talk about IBD with people who understand. An opportunity for everyone to share information and stories, and for us to communicate future plans and events. We always receive lots of positive feedback about these meetings, especially those new members or recently diagnosed individuals who greatly value the experience and information shared from our longer-term members. If you have any suggestions we would welcome them by email at [smw@networks.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk](mailto:smw@networks.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk) or by sending us a message on our Facebook page."

# Trust admits failing to ensure safety of elderly patients who suffered falls in care

Report by Lisa O'Brien

THE full extent of risks to five elderly patients who suffered falls at Shropshire's two main hospitals were not taken into consideration, a court heard.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust has admitted failing to ensure the safety of five patients who had falls while at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital or Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in 2011 and 2012. The court heard the five patients later died, with the falls being a contributory factor in four of the cases.

Mr Bernard Thorogood, prosecuting, told Stafford Crown Court in one case 74-year-old Mohan Singh suffered a fall at Princess Royal Hospital. But Mr Thorogood said the fall could have been prevented if one-on-one care had

been provided, as requested by a staff nurse.

The court heard that the nurse was told there was nobody available to give that care.

Mr Thorogood said: "In relation to Mr Singh the staff on the ward did what they could but they could not provide what he needed, one-to-one supervision.

"If he had been given the enhanced care he clearly needed this fall would not have taken place." He said a post-mortem report showed the fall had contributed to his death.

In another case Mr Thorogood said 81-year-old Eileen Thomson had been admitted to

PRH in 2012 and was at high risk of suffering a fall. He said she fell on two occasions in the hospital but forms were not updated to indicate this had happened.

The court was told that through a lack of staff "enhanced care" initially given to Ms Thomson came to an end. She died after suffering a fractured skull after a fall.

Edna Evans, 92, was also admitted to PRH in 2012, where she suffered a fall fracturing her shoulder. Mr Thorogood said she climbed out of her bed and fell.

Ms Evans was discharged but died from a severe chest infection but Mr Thorogood told the court a postmortem report showed the fall was a contributory factor.

Ada Clarke, 91, was also admitted to PRH in 2012. Mr Thorogood said an assessment did not cover several risk factors in her case. He said after changing wards, not all information about her was passed to staff and she was put in a normal bed despite having a possible infection which can cause confusion. She was later found on the floor by her bed.

Gerald Morris, 72, was admitted to RSH following a fall at his home. He later suffered a fall and an x-ray showed he had a fractured femur. He died after contracting a chest infection but Mr Thorogood said it could not be proven that the hospital fall directly contributed to his death.

The trust will be sentenced later this year.

# Hospitals 'need extra 99 beds over winter months'

Report by Amy Downward

**HOSPITALS in Shropshire will need an extra 99 beds and about £2.5 million to help them through winter, bosses have revealed.**

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust has said the cost of covering the winter plan this year is estimated at £2.4 million.

Hospital bosses have already received £1 million and said the remaining £1.4 million is within the financial recovery plan, but is still subject to discussions with other health officials.

Simon Wright, chief executive of SaTH, said the trust has also identified ways to create 103 beds – four more than the extra capacity required of 99 beds.

He said: "We have been looking at getting surgery more efficient so they rely on fewer beds to deliver the care – what we don't want to see are planned operations being cancelled.

"Another one is over the years you do find that ward space gets used for different things – e.g. offices, quiet rooms, etc.

### Reactivated

"What we have done is found about 31 bed spaces that today are not used by patients but can be reactivated for the winter.

"The biggest way to create the bed spaces is to make sure the patients that have finished their care in a hospital setting can be sent home quicker – for example by giving therapy at home.

"The other is increasingly the availability of packages of care to be ready on day one instead of days five or six.

"We are working very hard with both councils to get something in place by the end of October.

"That will free up about 50 beds. "We are also looking at a mobile ward and theatre at whatever site needs it the most."

A weekend discharge team will also be set up as part of the winter plan.

It is hoped this will increase the number of patients sent home at the weekend.

Health bosses are also hoping to set up a discharge lounge at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

This will be a new area where patients are sent to while they wait for their final checks before they can go home. The idea has been put forward to a meeting of the trust's board.

SHROPSHIRE patients who need to be referred to a neurology specialist will have to travel out of the county for at least another six months.

In March health bosses said the neurology service in Shropshire would be temporarily unable to accept new referrals for six months to clear the backlog.

This date has now been extended for another six months due to a shortage of neurologists.

Despite the various recruitment drives, the

## Public to pick Patient Choice Award winner



Shashank Chitgopkar, Pip Page-Davies, Gill Lawrence and Mary Watkins have been shortlisted for a Patient Choice Award

FOUR staff members at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital have been shortlisted for an award after being nominated by their patients.

Patients past and present at the hospital were invited to nominate a worker who made a positive impact on their lives.

A record 35 nominations were received for the Patient Choice Award and a shortlisting panel have chosen four of the nominees to go to a public vote.

Consultant spinal surgeon, Shashank Chitgopkar, was nominated by Carla Kelly who called him a "diamond".

She added: "He is a very kind and patient person who is very easy to talk to.

"He is very professional and always has time to explain.

"He listens. He didn't say 'No' and he didn't give up. I could go on... he is a true professional and I am so glad I am in his care – he is a diamond."

Bethany Eason voted for Pip Page-Davies who is a staff nurse on Oswald Ward for helping her through a traumatic experience.

Extended scope practitioner Gill Lawrence has been recognised by Lynne Hosken for helping her to deal with Ankylosing Spondylitis.

Mary Watkins, a specialist psychologist rehabilitation practitioner, was nominated by Paul Rhodes for being a friendly face.

Mr Rhodes said: "I am a patient and also work for the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) as a peer support at the spinal centre.

"I feel very lucky to know Mary, both as a

patient and one of the members of staff on the spinal unit that help me support the patients.

"Mary is a wonderful person, one who will make time to speak with you and as a patient has helped me many times.

"She is so easy to talk with and understanding the impact of the spinal cord injury as not just the patient but their family and friends too yet without crossing patient confidentiality."

The winner will be announced at the hospital's Celebration of Achievement awards evening at the Lion Quays on November 23.

The full nominations can be found on the Patient Choice Award voting page on the RJA website at [rjah.nhs.uk/vote](http://rjah.nhs.uk/vote).

The deadline for voting is midnight on October 15.

# Neurology suspension extended to find consultants

trust has so far been unable to secure additional full-time consultants.

To help meet the current demand for referrals, Shropshire and Telford Clinical Commissioning Groups commissioned The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust to provide this service for new patients on an interim basis.

Simon Wright, chief executive at SaTH, said: "Nationally there is a shortage of neurologists and when they are qualified almost without exception they want to work in big specialist centres like in Stoke or Manchester.

So unfortunately we cannot attract those neurologists to work here.

"We have enhanced our specialist services and are looking to make sure the patients diagnosed in Wolverhampton can have all their follow-up treatment here.

"The key thing for us is to get a 'hub and spoke' model which will see a specialist coming into our hospitals from places such as the Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery in Liverpool or the specialist centre in Stoke and provide high quality care and support staff.

"However for the moment the service will remain closed for new referrals due to a shortage of neurologist.

"We have appointed an additional locum neurologist but for anyone who has a long-term condition it is very important they have consistency of care. The first six months has allowed us to sort out the nursing provision – and the next six months will allow us to secure the consultants."

There is now a list size of 34 patients, compared to 183 at the end of May 2017.



### Comfortable period family home has four bedrooms

A comfortable period family home believed to date from the early 19th century, Stone House at Wykey, Ruyton XI Towns, comes with four bedrooms, outbuildings and four paddocks and gardens.

With around three and a half acres, it is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £550,000. With oil fired heating, double glazing and fine open views, it has three reception rooms, a conservatory, kitchen, utility, shower room, four bedrooms, a bathroom, outbuildings, four grass paddocks and gardens. The property occupies a most attractive rural location on the outskirts of the small hamlet of Wykey approximately one mile from Ruyton XI Towns. The entrance lobby has a panelled and glazed door. The sitting room has an exposed sandstone fireplace with a solid fuel burner, exposed beams and a fitted carpet. The dining room has a stone fireplace, exposed beam and tiled flooring. Also with tiled flooring, the conservatory also features a Colonial fan.

Having cottage-style units in the kitchen, these comprise, matching base units with worktops, an integrated four burner hob and oven, exposed beam ceiling and a tiled floor. An inner hallway has a tiled floor and the study/bedroom to the rear has exposed beams and tiled flooring. There is also a rear entrance with plumbing for an automatic washing machine, a 'Belfast' sink, a wall cupboard and red quarry tiled flooring. The shower room on the ground floor is tiled.

Off the first floor, front facing bedroom one has a high ceiling and is carpeted. Bedroom two is carpeted and has a pine wardrobe and also overlooks the frontage. Bedrooms three and four are both positioned to the rear and are also carpeted. Having an airing and linen cupboard, the bathroom has a panelled bath featuring a shower and screen, pedestal wash hand basin, low-level WC and tiled flooring.

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to a raised garden area, wooden gate to the side of the property leading to the front of the property, outside lighting and an outside tap.

The living room has wood effect flooring, windows to the front, modern wall mounted electric fire, coved ceiling, radiator, telephone and TV point.

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The dining area has tiled flooring, a patio door to the rear garden and a radiator.

Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its convenient location.

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## Recently completed four bedroomed barn conversion offers 'wow' factor

KYNASTON  
£549,950

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Packed with the "wow factor", Treginford Barn in the hamlet of Kynaston near Kinnerley is a recently completed four bedroom barn conversion within equidistance of some 10 miles to Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

It is for sale through Balfours at £549,950. Agent, Duncan Scobie, of Balfours said: "This is an exceptionally well designed conversion. While it dates back to the mid-1800s, its' recently completed conversion provides a magic mix of character and contemporary. That is maximised through original oak timbers quite literally highlighted through the magnificent expanses of glazing."

The wow factor is made the most of on the first floor with a magnificent gallery landing open to the glazed frontage.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



## Charming home situated in desirable area on outskirts of town

OSWESTRY  
£325,000

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A charming three-bedroomed detached house in a desirable residential area on the outskirts of town, 32 Hampton Rise, Oswestry, is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £325,000.

The ground floor includes large spacious rooms whilst the first floor includes a large family bathroom. The accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom/WC, a dining room, a lounge, a kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The property stands on an excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens, a driveway and double garage. Oil central heating and double glazing are installed throughout.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this home.

Contact Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 595003.





## Grade II home benefits from outstanding views of countryside

LLANFECHAIN  
£695,000

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Outstanding views are as valid a reason today for calling Llys Uchaf home, as they would have been when this property was first built in the 17th century.

Today its timber framed construction is celebrated with Grade II listing; the five bed property also includes a detached barn and some 12 acres of grounds. The village of Llanfechain is just over a mile away, while Welshpool and Oswestry are each 11 miles. Approaching the steading a wooded copse, stream and wildlife pond, set the scene, these are superseded by paddocks flanking the drive.

Internally Llys Uchaf wants for nothing; the fully equipped kitchen, family room is highlighted by sky lights adding extra light to the south and north facing windows.

The home has a guide price of £695,000.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



## Two bedroomed spacious bungalow enjoys great views

OSWESTRY  
£279,995

A spacious two bedroom bungalow with stunning views overlooking the town towards the Shropshire Plain, 22 Hampton Close, Oswestry, is convenient for the town's shopping centre.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell and Co with a guide price of £279,995.

The home occupies a quiet position on Hampton Close, a popular residential area within walking distance of the town's shopping centre.

The property is an individually designed spacious detached bungalow constructed traditionally of brick under a tiled roof.

The well appointed accommodation has the benefit of upvc double glazing and gas fired heating.

The accommodation comprises a reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, inner hall, two bedrooms, a bathroom and conservatory.



The property is a detached bungalow occupying a corner plot at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Access is over a wide tarmac driveway which provides ample car parking and turning area leading to a detached garage with electric up and over front door.

The attractive front garden has a feature pond, flower and herbaceous borders.

The large corner garden plot is well stocked with a selection of fruit trees, shrubs and flower and herbaceous borders and good sized rear paved patio area.

For more details about the property contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



## Detached home on a substantial plot comes with good gardens

OSWESTRY  
£176,500

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A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders. The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.





## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Administration move for pets chain

A PET supplies shop chain which forms part of agricultural group Wynnstay is to be placed into administration.

In June, Llansantffraid and Shrewsbury-based Wynnstay revealed that its profits had been affected by the poor performance of its Just for Pets retail chain.

Wynnstay has now filed notice to the London Stock Exchange saying it is going to place the retailer – which has 25 stores including ones in Ketterley and Wellington around Telford – into administration, having looked at alternatives including the sale of the business. The company says Just for Pets has shown a “marked deterioration” over the last year.

Wynnstay chief executive Ken Greeham said the company had looked at other options but had decided administration was the best route.

### Takeaway to take over vacant shop

A FORMER town centre hairdressers will be re-opened as a takeaway restaurant after planning approval was given.

Planning permission has been granted to change a vacant shop in Willow Street in Oswestry into a fast-food restaurant.

The business move is expected to create two full-time jobs and three part-time roles.

Shropshire Council planning officers have given the go-ahead and have said the takeaway can open from 11.30am daily until 1am on Monday to Wednesday, 3am on Thursday and Sundays and 4am on Friday and Saturdays.

# Public are keen to dig deep to reveal artefacts and heirlooms

A WHOLE host of family heirlooms, rare artefacts and memories have been shared as part of a landmark community heritage project.

The Oswestry Heritage Gateway group is creating a digital archive all about the town and is appealing for people to share their stories.

At the recent Heritage Open Days festival, the team met a range of different people who had brought along their bygones to be included.

Among them were photos of First World War soldiers at Park Hall military camp, pre-war memories of Old Oswestry hillfort and an intriguing garden find.

Resident Rachel Scotland turned up with the largest curio of the day – an engraved stone found in her garden in Castle Street. Roadshow advisers suggested it may have come from building clearance to make way for the late 19th century redevelopment of the Bailey Head and Horsemarket which border Rachel’s garden.

Maggie Rowlands had already pieced together some of the story behind her artefact, a Dead Man’s Penny, which she and her daughter Amy discovered in the garden at home in Chirk Bank. The pennies were commemorative tokens given to the families of First World War soldiers killed in action.

Kate Clarke of the Oswestry Heritage Gateway, said: “We would love to hear from individuals, groups and organisations who would like to share their memories and memorabilia of Oswestry and the area. Every family has interesting stories, objects or family connections that can be threaded into the tapestry of Oswestry’s her-



Oswestry Heritage Comics’ John Swogger, left, discusses the possible origins of a carved stone found by Rachel Scotland and her partner Mark Davies in their garden in Castle Street in the town

itage, allowing us to discover and appreciate each other and the changes we live through as a community even more.”

Recollections of the hillfort were also a theme on the day, stretching back to the time when its ramparts

were still covered in trees over 60 years ago. Some of the items uncovered by the roadshow are set to be featured in John Swogger’s heritage comic strips being published weekly, including online, until June.

The roadshow will be making an ap-

pearance at a number of events in the area over the coming months, as well as arranging sessions with groups and venues by invitation.

For further details contact (01691) 6529178 or email ohgateway@gmail.com

## Residents’ organisation celebrating a year of action

A RESIDENTS’ group formed in a bid to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is celebrating a successful first year.

The Trees Estate group was set up 12 months ago in partnership with Shropshire Towns and Rural (STAR) Housing to deal with everything from dog fouling to drug dealing.

Over the past year they have worked closely with the police and Shropshire Council to improve key areas of Oswestry – all of which are named after types of trees.

John Thompson, chairman of Trees Estate Residents Group, said: “Prior to the formation of our residents group, we, the residents felt forgotten. We could see the deterioration of the place we call home – drug dealing and anti-social behaviour being just two items that were taking a real hold and impacting the lives of us all.

“We just didn’t know who or what to do to turn it around. Now through regular meetings with STAR Housing, the police and the council, we are fighting back. The nice thing out of all this is that we are listened to and actions taken to resolve our issues – not only that but we are actively involved in the shaping of our community, not only for now but for the future.”

Members meet regularly at North Shropshire College and have their say on a range of issues. They’ve also had visits from Shropshire Council’s highways team and West Mercia Police.

Tom Pawley, housing officer for STAR Housing, said: “The residents group has been successful in prioritising and reducing issues.”

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# Good wishes for children's hospice

Report by Sue Austin

GOOD wishes have been pouring in for a children's hospice, in the shape of pennies and pounds.

The British Ironwork Centre, near Oswestry, has not one but three wishing wells around its site just outside the town.

Staff have had to empty them twice in the last two months to send the donations from visitors to the Hope House Children's Hospice in nearby Morda.

It is an ongoing way that the tourist attraction is supporting the hospice.

Clive Knowles, from the centre, said: “If ever you’ve made a wish, you’ll recall how it makes you feel, uplifted and full of hope for something better than it is at that moment.”

“The children of Hope House are the main focus of the wishing wells.

“We hear parents and grandparents explaining why the wells are here and about the poorly children who use the hospice.”

Mr Knowles added: “Our visitors and staff are reminded of how lucky we all are, to be in the main healthy and enjoying our surroundings which are truly inspiring.”

“Thank you to all that have made wishes and given their love so generously.” Vanessa Lloyd, of Hope House, said.

“The Knowles family have been fantastic supporters of Hope House and really understand how essential it is that we raise enough money every year to ensure we can continue to provide vital care and support services to local children and their families.”



Pennies are counted at the wishing wells at the British Ironwork Centre

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North Wales offers a spectacular setting for a swim

# Take a swim on wild side in North Wales

WITH the looming prospect of Brexit sending holiday prices Boeing-high, it is no surprise that British holidaymakers are giving in to the lure of staycations.

The UK is home to swathes of gorgeous countryside, fairy-tale villages and breathtaking mountainsides waiting to be explored, and one trend taking on a life of its own is open-water swimming.

With no expensive or bulky gear required, it offers a new adventure with minimum travel hassle – and it's guaranteed to burn off a few calories.

"The only limit is your own imagination," says Gabby Dickinson, founder and director of Gone Swimming (gonesswimming.co.uk).

A passionate water baby from Anglesey, she built her wild swimming tour company five years ago after noticing a gap in the market for people who want a thrilling nature experience, but without the camping.

She now she takes groups of four to 12 – including couples, kids, grandparents, pets and people with disabilities – for swimming days around the most beautiful beaches and lakes in North Wales.

Every trip comes with generous supplies of her excellent home baking.

"I wanted to go on a swimming holiday but there was nothing available that I wanted to do," she tells me. "So I invented a trip where you can eat lots of cake, stay in cosy places, and just have a nice time."

The sense of freedom that comes from the bracing waters, she explains, has limitless rewards – even when it comes to mental health.

"A lot of my guests are recovering from or coming to terms with mental health problems and there has been a lot in the media about the benefits of swimming."

"I was diagnosed with depression and anxiety at 16 and always felt brilliant after I had been in the water."

"Sometimes I meet people who are nervous or scared, but once they get in their

## SPECIAL REPORT

Report by Francesca Gosling

eyes light up and it builds their confidence – they feel they can do anything.

"The best part of my job is being inspired every day by incredible people, who don't know how incredible they are until they swim across a lake."

With those words I can't resist the chance to have a go, starting with a morning plunge into the waves at Black Rock Sands beach, steps away from Haven's (haven.com) cosy caravans at Greenacres Holiday Park, Porthmadog.

After a gentle hour of seafront yoga – which I am now convinced is the only way to do the downward dog – we steel ourselves for our first steps into the Irish Sea.

At a late summer water temperature of 16C, it's not easy, but it's absolutely worth it. Once in, I'm instantly invigorated and paddle back feeling a million times lighter – and definitely deserving of some cockle-warming with Gabby's traditional Welsh bara brith tea loaf and seriously chocolatey tiffin cakes.

For our second swim we drive through the rolling, Lord Of The Rings-esque hills of the stunning Snowdonia National Park to Llyn Dinas lake – a glassy-still expanse wall-papered with the striking craggy landscape of the famous Snowdon.

It's an entirely different and very peaceful experience. Just a few minutes simply floating in the secluded 15C rainwater-fed oasis makes me more relaxed than a day sweating on a busy beach – and the sense of achievement afterwards is satisfying!

Group days out with Gabby and the Gone Swimming team start from £65 per adult and £55 per child (with private options available).

Gabby recommends avoiding rivers as the current can often change much more strongly and frequently than you might think. Never go swimming alone and always check weather and currents before you dip.



Francesca Gosling felt on top of the world trying wild swimming

## New ride is making a big splash at Center Parcs

Report by Claire Spreadbury

GETTING into a two-person inflatable raft – in a swimming costume – is one of the most ungainly things you can possibly do.

But as I straddle the figure of eight-shaped rubber ring, gripping on to the handles and waiting for the green light of the Typhoon, I can't say I really care. We're all here for a bit of family fun, and trying out Center Parcs' newest water ride is making me feel a bit giddy.

### SO WHAT'S IT LIKE?

I'm not much of a water-slide fan any more. There's definitely something about getting older and having kids, that makes me less able to enjoy the sensation of feeling like my stomach is going to fall out my backside, and more miffed about the pain plunging into a pool gives me as the water shoots up my nose. But the Typhoon, I have to say, is great.

It's family friendly, so me and my eight-year-old Rosie, go down together (there is a height restriction of 1.22m, which she's only just over). It's fast and quick with a bit of splashing, but not so scary you lose your stomach or get washed up and spat out at the end (the inflatable raft helps with this).

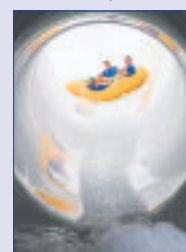
To add to the fun factor, you can choose your own lighting theme – from treetops to rainbow – by pressing a button at the top, then swooshing down the tunnel.

### BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

For those needing something a little more exciting, the Tropical Cyclone has also just landed here at Long-leat Forest, but it's been in Center Parcs in Woburn for some time now.

Up to four of you can go on a raft at any one time and there are mega drops, adrenaline pumping twists and turns, and a world of swearing coming down the shoot, despite the same height restriction. It's not for the faint-hearted, but is a whole heap of fun.

The rides are the latest addition to the Subtropical Swimming Paradise, where even on a rainy day in the school holidays, it never feels too busy.



There are lots of different areas, so you can head to the main pool for squeals galore as you jump over the surf from the wave machine, splash about in a shallow kids' play area, hang out in the outdoor spa pool, and slide down flumes of every size and variety.

Oh, and be sure to drift down the lazy river at least 17 times, like us, and try out the fun rapids.

### WHAT ELSE TO DO?

What isn't there to do? The great thing about Center Parcs is there's an abundance of activities going on and you can choose how much, or how few, you fancy doing.

We try out Den Building and Decorating – one of the newer family activities. Unlike the usual sofa and sheets affair that goes on at home, we head out into the woods where three thin logs have been tied together to start us off. We have a massive pile of twigs, branches and logs, a tarpaulin, some leaves, and four pairs of hands ready to get dirty.

We work together to make a small, pyramid-shaped den, create some 'flowers' for the entrance by stabbing twigs through heaps of leaves and decorate some lovely signage.

At the end, all the families go round inspecting the different dens, and one person from each clan has to sit inside while the waterproofing test takes place, and then we have to dismantle the whole thing.

It costs £46.50 (however big your party) and lasts for an hour and a half. We had a really good time getting stuck in, but there are oodles of other activities too, from sports and quad biking, to ten-pin bowling and photography lessons. They all cost extra, but there's no pressure or upsell to do a thing.

### ADULTS ALSO GET TO HAVE FUN

The Aqua Sana spa can be used by day guests, as well as anyone staying at Center Parcs. The spa itself consists of 25 "experiences", from the Indian blossom steam room and the hydro pool, to the Tyrolean Sauna and Reflexology Footbaths. It's a spa that's been well thought-out and is a joy to slouch around, as you move from one meditative state to another.

## EasyJet making it simple for connecting flights



EasyJet is making travel easier for passengers

**EASYJET will provide feeder traffic to long-haul carriers for the first time, the budget airline has announced.**

Passengers taking connecting flights via London Gatwick – such as those travelling from Aberdeen to New York – will be able to book the entire trip on EasyJet's website.

The airline has formed a partnership with Norwegian and WestJet, offering flights to North and South America and the Far East.

Under the Worldwide scheme, passengers will also be able to connect with other easyJet flights.

About 200,000 passengers a year con-

nect from one easyJet flight to another at Gatwick, but they have previously needed to book each flight separately and transfer their own luggage.

The announcement represents one of the most significant strategic changes made by the airline since it introduced allocated seating in 2012.

Bookings will include the Gatwick-Connects service, meaning passengers' checked luggage will be transferred to their second flight.

If they miss their connection they will be given a seat on the next available flight free of charge.

EasyJet said it will sign up other airlines to the new system and discussions are "already far advanced" with Middle

Eastern and Far Eastern carriers.

It plans to expand to other key airports in Europe such as Milan Malpensa, Geneva, Amsterdam, Paris Charles de Gaulle and Barcelona.

EasyJet has insisted the scheme will not impact on its punctuality or operating model.

It will not hold flights for connecting passengers, who will be subject to a minimum connection time of two and a half hours between flights.

The airline will also begin selling standalone tickets on behalf of Loganair from next month, allowing easyJet customers to book onward flights from destinations such as Glasgow and Edinburgh to Scotland's Highlands and Islands.



# Spare a thought for this sorrel-loving butterfly

WHEN part of your scientific name is phlaeas, you know you're dressed to impress.

Derived from the Greek phlego, it means "to burn up"; and there can be few words that better describe the beautiful markings of the small copper butterfly.

It looks as though flames are licking at it top and bottom and yet to be in with a chance of spotting this dazzling little butterfly, you'll have to be quick.

Many species of Shropshire's butterflies are a little 'past their best' by late summer. Although many will remain active until October, the glut in numbers and varieties of those early summer days in May and June, is well and truly over.

Yet there is another reason why you try and make the most of these dying days of summer when it comes to butterflies.

The small copper suffered its worst ever year last summer according to the annual scientific survey of Britain's butterflies and it joins a growing band of once-common butterflies in apparently inexorable decline despite no discernible habitat loss in recent years.

The culprit, at least in part, seems to be climate change and this global phenomenon appears to be having an even greater than expected negative impact. Small copper numbers recently fell by almost a quarter on previous years' numbers.

A real feather in the cap of British conservation, the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UKBMS), has made British butterflies the best-studied group of insects in the world since it began 40 years ago.

Many species have been recorded as 'in decline' and this will only be an increasing trend when climate change really takes

## ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



hold. Many of the smaller, exquisitely beautiful butterflies are hardest hit, including the blues and argus, the small browns and the coppers.

The issue with the copper seems to be concerning their caterpillars' food plant, sorrel. The eggs are laid singly and conspicuously on the upperside of the leaf.

The young caterpillar then feeds on the underside creating "windows"; by leaving the upper epidermis of the leaf untouched.

Pupation takes place in the leaf litter and the pupa is thought to be tended by ants, a fascinating biological process I've previously visited concerning blue butterflies.

### Treasure

The problem is that dry summers shrivel the sorrel and leave far less available food for the caterpillars.

It's possible to locate good sites because this butterfly is often found only in ones and twos. If you find a site with large numbers, you've stumbled upon a treasure trove.

Males are territorial, often choosing a piece of bare ground or a stone on which to bask and await passing females. This is their little territory and they will defend it vigorously against rival males or indeed any unlucky passing insect.

Even the shadow of a large bird passing overhead is enough to elicit a response.

Females are then pursued and mating usually occurs in vegetation.

So although the odd buddleia bush is a welcome nectar source for hungry butter-



Climate change is threatening the small copper butterfly, writes Ben

flies and other insects and if done carefully and responsibly is undoubtedly a great resource, perhaps spare a thought for the sorrel-loving small copper.

If you can spare some ground in your

garden to plant some of it, sorrel-much-the-better.

Ben's wildlife art can be seen in The Art Vaults Gallery, Fish Street, Shrewsbury

# Farm union in plea on regulation

NFU Cymru has called for the government to have a re-think on regulation in a new report.

The organisation said agriculture has been more heavily exposed to EU law-making during the last 40 years of EU membership than almost any other sector of the economy.

They see Brexit as an opportunity to see how we might be able to approach the issue of regulation differently, and devise a regime which is fit for purpose.

NFU Cymru President Stephen James said: "Poor regulation is a cause of significant frustration amongst our membership; it also emerged as a distinct theme in discussions that NFU Cymru held with its members both before and after the referendum.

"I believe that there is now an opportunity to take a fresh look at how we do regulation and set out our own vision for the new regulatory landscape, as part of our ambition for a productive, profitable and progressive farming industry which delivers the jobs, growth and investment Wales needs, whilst continuing to ensure the highest standards of protection for the environment, animal health and welfare and the public.

"As an industry we recognise our responsibility to the environment, our livestock and to the consumer. Poor and excessive regulation does however impose burdens on businesses which are disproportionate to the benefits derived, adding cost and deterring innovation.

"There are however ways of working which stop short of the heavy-handed regulatory approach, but which are in my view just as effective, these include partnership working and voluntary measures which still allow the sector to deliver the outcomes that society wants. The paper we have just published sets out how we think these outcomes might be delivered without recourse to legislation, and highlights some of the key issues that lawmakers need to consider when deciding whether or not to legislate."

Mr James said that farmers don't want to become too pre-occupied with the process of regulation and don't want to be burdened. He added: "Where regulation is deemed necessary, then it should also be appropriate, proportionate, evidence based and as light touch as possible. We also need to be focussed on the outcomes that we want the regulation to deliver and not to become too pre-occupied with the process itself."

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## It's the perfect Pace for a big old Hairspray 'do'

**H**e's sitting in a pub in Lytham St Anne's. Norman Pace is chipper. The actor and comedian who is best known as one half of the comedy duo Hale and Pace has as much work as he would care for and is at peace with the world.

He's presently on the road in *Hairspray*, the 15-minute blitzkrieg of scintillating fabulousness. The all-singing, all-dancing, all-action musical is set in Baltimore, 1962.

It tells the story Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger dream: to dance her way onto national TV, and into the heart of teen idol Link Larkin. Tracy's audition makes her a local star and soon she is using her new-found fame to fight for integration. But can she win equality – and Link's heart – without denting her 'do'?

The feel-good musical features the hit songs *Welcome To The 60s*, *You Can't Stop The Beat*, *The Nicest Kids in Town* and many more and has Norman smiling each and every night.

"I have to say that I know *Hairspray* is a very good show but this really is a tremendous production. Drew McOnie is the go-to choreographer in Broadway and the West End and has worked on this.

"They really pulled out all the stops to get the right people for the show. They went through 1,600 hopefuls before they settled on the 32 people that you see on stage. It's my first time in it and I'm loving it. A few of the guys have done this before but I'm the new boy, which is funny, since I'm also by far the oldest."

Reaching the tender age of 64 – amid a cast of 20-somethings – is great fun for Norman. Being around the younger generation keeps him young.

"I love being with the kids. Their enthusiasm and joie de vivre is inspiring. I get up at the end of the show and we do *You Can't Stop The Beat*. I love it. I do it eight times a week. Before I start, I know the audiences will love it and go mad. We've done 40-odd shows and every one has been a standing ovation.

"Seriously, you couldn't wish for a better group. Last night, after the show in Blackpool, one of the guys from the show said he knew a bloke who'd got a pub that did live music. Out of the 55 people on tour, 40 people turned up and we had a great night. The band got up and entertained us. It's brilliant fun."

Norman has to pinch himself when he considers the number of years he's successfully spent in showbusiness. The former teacher has been treading the

Dare to dream – Norman Pace stars in the feel-good musical



boards for 36 years – many of them with his friend and comic partner Gareth Hale. They recently recorded four episodes of ITV's *Benidorm*, spending 10 weeks in Spain with Shropshire actor John Challis, among others.

And yet for Norman, all roads lead to the Black Country. Though he grew up in Newark-on-Trent, in Nottinghamshire, his heart belongs to Dudley.

"My granny and grandad lived in Dudley. When my mother was pregnant with me at the age of 18, she went to Dudley to have the baby. I think there was some sort of scandal because of the Catholic Church – if it wasn't for the church, I wouldn't be here. They didn't do such things as abortion back then.

So mum tried to pull a fast one and had me in Dudley then I'd visit my granny and grandad on holidays. They lived on Blowers Green Crescent, I still remember it now.

"There were slag heaps that were turned into football pitches and I'd go there until about the age of ten. The family were West Brom fans and took me to the Hawthorns to cheer on the Baggies. They were happy times. I felt very loved when I visited the Black Country."

Fame came calling for Hale and Pace when they worked together on a series of comedy shows, as well as featuring in Dalziel and Pascoe, guest starring in the Doctor Who serial *Survival* and featuring in a Christmas Special of *Extras*. "It was a joyride. The whole thing was

thrilling and we didn't have a minute to stop and think about it. If Gareth and I weren't making the TV series, we'd be touring. In every spare moment we'd be writing and we were even stupid enough to go on holiday together as families.

"The only downside about that experience was losing your privacy. At the petrol station, a queue of people would look at you like you were in a goldfish bowl. I'm under the radar these days and there are times when I grow a beard and people don't recognise me. It used to be that you'd get people arguing about which one you were. But it's no big deal. I had my taste of that life and it was intense. I can understand why film stars have people to fill their car up for them. Can you imagine what would happen if Rod Stewart was on the forecourt at Morrisons?"

Norman has no plans to slow down. There's no exit strategy, no secret yearning for a quieter life, no intention of upping sticks and moving to somewhere quieter.

"The laughter is what keeps you coming back. Even now, after all these years, if you're good at it and have a lot of experience and have enjoyed a long career, you can still learn a lot of things about how to do it better. I always want to beat the laughter I got last night, I want to keep moving forward."

He loves the fact that he's been able to play both TV and theatre during a starry career. He's worked with tremendous actors down the decades and their skills have helped him to develop.

For now, all thoughts are of *Hairspray*. "It's great bringing the show to Birmingham because Dudley's only just down the road and that's always been special to me. I'm hoping that people from Dudley and Wolves will pop over and say hello."

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# Dedicated triplets happy to help railway

Passengers on a heritage railway could be forgiven for thinking they are seeing double or even triple.

But it is not their eyesight or their imagination. The Talylyn Railway in Mid Wales has probably scored a world-first with triplets passing their training as assistant guards on the same day. Brothers Jake, Ross and Joe Waddington all came through their assessment with flying colours and have moved to the next level of training before becoming guards on the railway.

The 16-year-old brothers, who live near the railway, have been volunteering

on the railway for a couple of years. To ensure they could all qualify together, special arrangements were made for them all to be assessed on the same day.

Ian Drummond, Talylyn Railway Preservation Society's chairman, said: "Joe, Jake and Ross have contributed a great deal to the railway already."

"Their positive attitude in all that they do has won them many friends on the railway."

"We look forward to seeing them progress further in the years ahead." The narrow-gauge railway opened for goods traffic in 1865 and shortly after for passenger services.

These have carried on operating every

year since between Tywyn on the west coast of Wales and Nant Gwernol, just over seven miles inland.

In 1951, operation of the line was taken over by Talylyn Railway Preservation Society and it became the world's first preserved railway.

Operation of the line is primarily by volunteers from all walks of life, with a small paid staff. Mr Drummond said: "It is now a major tourist attraction in the Mid Wales area, contributing significantly to the area's economy."

"They really are tremendous boys who love trains and love being part of the team," said operating assistant John Smallwood, a volunteer.



## Coming soon...

### Spotlight on Matisse

The works of one of the most important modern artists of the 21st century is on show at a gallery in Oswestry. Qube Gallery in Oswestry is shining the spotlight on the work of French artist Henri Matisse. Matisse was a French painter and sculptor who, along with Picasso helped to define and influence radical contemporary art in the 20th century. The exhibition, called 'Matisse, Drawing the Scissors' includes works produced in the last few years of the artist's life when he was confined to his bed. Qube chief officer, Laurel Roberts said: "We're very grateful to Arts Council England for enabling Qube to host this fantastic collection. Matisse is a household name and this is an opportunity for local people to see these famous images right on the doorstep." Qube has organised a programme of activities alongside the exhibition, including a series of workshops for local schools. Children will have the chance to work with Wern-based community media organisation, MediaActive and learn how to create short animations from coloured cut-out shapes using on their i-pads and tablets. The school activities have been sponsored by Oswestry Rotary Club with funding from the Mary Hignett Bequest Fund. President of Oswestry Rotary Club, David Davies said: "This is a great experience for the children and just the kind of thing Mary would have liked to have been involved with."

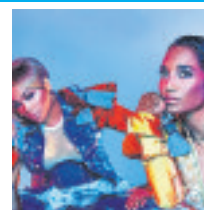
The exhibition will run until October 29.



### TLC on the comeback trail

Following their joyous comeback show in London, which sold out immediately, iconic girl-group TLC have announced their first ever UK tour. Performing live with a full band, horn section, dancers and choir to an ecstatic audience, the emotional London comeback night was met with critical acclaim. The band have released their album 'TLC' which has been – as the opening lyric of their first single release from the album 'Way Back' suggests – a "long, long time coming". Having sold over 65 million records worldwide, TLC are not only the best-selling American girl group of all time; with four Grammy Awards, four multi-platinum albums, two of which went Diamond, ten Top 10 singles and four Number 1s, theirs is an influence across music, fashion and female friendship which defined and continues to define generations. After largely stepping back from the public eye since the tragic passing of Lisa 'Left Eye' Lopes, a Kickstarter campaign was launched to contribute towards recording the new album, and became the most-funded in the company's history with the likes of Katy Perry amongst the first to donate. Early live shows as a duo, which saw them play sold out arenas in Japan and also in the US and Australia, illustrate a renewed confidence; mixing iconic hits like 'Waterfalls', 'No Scrubs' and 'Creep' with new material from 'TLC'.

The band will play the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham on November 16.



### Gordon will tell of wild times

The highly-acclaimed presenter of the popular BBC Animal Family and Me, Gordon Buchanan, will share an insight into his incredible experiences with some of the world's most fearsome and majestic animals. The acclaimed TV wildlife cameraman is on the road with an evening that promises to entertain. Gordon will share personal recollections and answer questions about his globe-trotting travels, delving into his world of weird, wild and wonderful wildlife. The show will be illustrated with his own film footage and photography and reaches Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn on Monday. Gordon grew up in Mull, which offered freedom and a sense of wilderness. He was passionate about wildlife as he grew up. He said: "As a kid I was wildly passionate about spending time outdoors, it was the only thing that mattered to me. Thinking back I was always very bored indoors. There was nothing inside that compared to the adventures and excitement to be had out in the rain, wind, snow and occasional sunshine."



# Snow way! The panto season is here again

**T**HE greasepaint is on, costumes unpacked and scripts ready for reading – yes, it's that time of year again. Shrewsbury's panto season has launched

and bosses at Theatre Severn are promising this will be the best yet.

Tickets are selling ahead of projections and more than 65 per cent of seats for this year's staging of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs have already been snapped up.

Telford-born writer Paul Hendy has pulled out all the stops and assembled a cast with more experience than you can shake a stick at.

Amongst those performing are actors who have appeared in Star Wars, Willow, Mary Poppins Returns and Game of Thrones.

And returning for his seventh appearance at Theatre Severn is everyone's favourite Dame, Brad Fitt.

He will be joined on stage by Victoria McCabe in the title role, Radio Shropshire's Eric Smith as Herman the Henchman and Joanne Heywood as the Wicked Queen.

Paul, whose company Evolution is producing the show, said: "We have an incredible cast with an incredible 130 pantomimes between them. It is going to be a really great show."

"Shrewsbury is a great town and the theatre is superb. People come back year after year and we want to make the panto better each time. This year there are some real 'wow' moments."

"I am very proud to produce a show here in Shrewsbury for the seventh year and it is brilliant to be back."

And he promised there would be a surprise in store for audiences with a top secret appearance of a big name

The panto cast get together for a group photo



who will be starring as The Man in the Mirror. "I can't say anymore," said Paul. "All I will say is that he went to Shrewsbury School, you will have to come along to the show to find out who it is."

Looking forward to getting back in a dress after his appearance last year as Buttons in Cinderella is Brad Fitt. With multiple costume changes, slapstick humour and witty one-liners, some would say he is 'Shrewsbury

Panto'. Brad said: "I loved being Buttons last year, there was a lot of pathos to the role but it is very nice to be back in the dress. I am looking forward to this year's show and getting back in to it again. I have seen this production of Snow White before so I know what to expect but it will be great to put my stamp on it."

Rehearsals will get under way in mid-November. The show opens on November 29 and runs until January 7.

\* WELSHPOOL Inner Wheel met at the Royal Oak Hotel on September 19. The post of treasurer, recently left vacant, was filled by Ann Rowell. The speaker was Dr Robert Patterson, who talked about his year in Honey Bay, Antarctica, during 1971/72. The slides covered all aspects of life there. The next meeting will be the charter dinner on October 17, with guests welcome to attend.

\* THERE'S a chance to learn drumming at a series of workshops that will run over autumn. Rick Wilson is hosting the sessions on a monthly basis on at Hermon Chapel in Oswestry. No previous experience is necessary but there will be some challenges for anyone who has some experience, including part

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rhythms and body rhythm. All adults and children over seven are welcome. There will be instruments available but take a drum along if you have one. Rick has studied drumming in India and also has styles from Africa and South America to add to his own original interpretation of all things rhythmic. For more information visit [www.hermonchapel.com](http://www.hermonchapel.com)

\* AN artist who studied portraiture in Florence has brought his work to the Willow Gallery in Oswestry. Daniel J Yeomans from Montgomery, who has work hanging in collections throughout

Europe and Asia, is exhibiting a new collection of paintings, for the first time at the venue. They include some of the scenery seen on his travels around Wales. The landscapes will be exhibited alongside a life size portrait painting, 'Dystonia and Me; The Renaissance of Self' which will be sold to raise awareness and funds for neurological research. Mr Yeomans said: "It is all about one man's journey, after being diagnosed with dystonia, his use of a journal, writing memoirs and art therapy which eventually led him to my studio and became the inspiration for a painting. Also on display will be Daniel's latest portrait commission Jonathan Herbert, Viscount of Powys." A short film

was recently produced by film maker, Gwyn Cole, all about Mr Yeomans following his dream and passion to become a full time artist. To see the short film visit <http://danieljamesyeomans.com/a-short-film>. The exhibition will run until November 4.

\* SHROPSHIRE Music Trust's opening concert in association with Music in Quiet Places takes place at the Methodist Church, Church Stretton at 7.30pm on October 13 with solo violin sonatas and partitas by Bach. Zoe Beyers will introduce these quintessential works in a concert titled Bach by Candlelight. She will introduce a programme including Sonata No.1, Partita No.3, and Partita No.2.



# October 7



**Casualty**  
8.40pm  
Dylan (William Beck) is forced to bring Sanosi into the Emergency Department, and Connie tries to come to terms with what her diagnosis means for her future.



**Later – with Jools Holland**  
11pm  
The pianist welcomes Brooklyn band the National back to the show after the success of their number one album, Sleep Well Beast. Morrissey makes his sixth appearance on Jools' show.



**The Family Chase**  
7.10pm  
Bradley Walsh hosts one final round of the family-themed edition of the game show, as the Prices from Oldham face one of the professional quizzers. Last in the series.



**WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails**  
8pm  
The trials faces by people seeking to escape Nazi occupation by crossing the French Pyrenees mountains.



**Live Boxing: York Hall Brawl**  
9.45pm  
Andrew Selby v Maximino Flores. Coverage of the WBC world flyweight eliminator, which takes place at York Hall in Bethnal Green. Welshman Selby is undefeated thus far in his career.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b>
10.00	<b>Saturday Kitchen Live.</b> Chef Jose Pizarro and food writer Donna Hay join host Donal Skehan in the studio kitchen to prepare some signature dishes. Sam Caporn is on hand to select complimentary wines.
11.30	<b>The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food.</b> Si King and Dave Myers create a twist on a classic pudding, rustle up a teatime treat, and use two breakfast favourites to make a new dish. (R)
12.00	<b>Football Focus.</b> Dan Walker and guests review the headlines and look ahead to forthcoming fixtures, as the Premier League and Championship take a break for the final round of World Cup qualifiers.
12.30	<b>Bargain Hunt.</b> Two teams of bargain hunters visit the Norfolk Showground as they compete to secure the most profitable items. Presented by Tim Wonnacott. (R)
1.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather.
1.15	<b>Gymnastics: World Championships.</b> Matt Baker presents highlights of day five from Montreal Olympic Stadium, where the women's all-around competition was due to take place.
2.45	<b>FILM: Muppets Most Wanted (2014).</b> The gang's world tour is hijacked by Kermit's evil double, who uses their performances as cover for an international crime spree. Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais and Tina Fey.
4.25	<b>Chris Coleman: Dare to Dream.</b> A profile of the football manager, who ended almost 60 years of heartache to take Wales to the semi-finals of last year's European Championships.
5.25	<b>BBC News.</b>
5.35	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
5.45	<b>Pointless Celebrities.</b> Paul Morley, Annie Nightingale, Katie Derham, Will Gompertz, Tim Marlow, Janet Street-Porter, Richard Stilgoe and Meera Syal compete in an "arts and culture" edition of the quiz.
6.35	<b>Strictly Come Dancing.</b> The pro-celebrity dance competition continues as the contestants enter Movie Week, in which they must perform routines inspired by, or paying tribute to, Hollywood films.
8.40	<b>Casualty.</b> Dylan is forced to bring Sanosi into the Emergency Department, and Connie tries to come to terms with what her diagnosis means for her future.
9.30	<b>Mrs Brown's Boys.</b> Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's death to get a payout, but the insurance company starts to grow suspicious. (R)
10.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather; <b>National Lottery Update.</b>
10.20	<b>FILM: Thor: The Dark World (2013).</b> The thunder god joins forces with his treacherous brother to defend the universe against an old foe. Superhero adventure sequel, with Chris Hemsworth and Tom Hiddleston.
12.05	<b>The NFL Show.</b> Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world, joined by former Super Bowl winners Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.
12.35	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
12.40	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.00	<b>How We Won the War.</b> (R)
6.30	<b>Coast.</b> (R)
7.10	<b>FILM: Hans Christian Andersen (1952).</b> Musical, starring Danny Kaye.
9.00	<b>Saturday Mash-Up!</b> With guests Jennie McAlpine and JP Cooper.
11.00	<b>Natural World.</b> (R)
12.00	<b>Rick Stein's Long Weekends.</b> The presenter visits Copenhagen, the home of New Nordic cuisine. (R)
1.00	<b>Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo.</b> The former MP explores the aftermath of the conflict. Last in the series. (R)
1.30	<b>Flog It!</b> Making a profit at auction. (R)
2.30	<b>Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands.</b> Paul Murton visits Foulfa, Fair Isle and Loch Lomond. (R)
3.30	<b>India: Nature's Wonderland.</b> Part one of two. The hidden wonders of India's natural world. (R)
4.30	<b>Mastermind.</b> Specialist subjects include Crowded House and Claude Monet. (R)
5.00	<b>The Big Family Cooking Showdown.</b> Families from Liverpool and Buckinghamshire compete. (R)
6.00	<b>Anglesey: Island Life.</b> New series. The lives of some of the residents of Wales' largest island, including Mike Williams, who is trying to get his smoke-damaged shop back on its feet.
6.30	<b>Gardeners' World.</b> Monty Don gives advice on making leaf mould from fallen leaves and how to use it. Frances Tophill helps a gardener whose plants are not thriving where they are planted. (R)
7.30	<b>Front Row.</b> Harrison Ford and Ryan Gosling discuss Blade Runner 2049, Ian McKellen offers a masterclass in playing Shakespeare's King Lear, and Tim Minchin performs live in the studio.
8.00	<b>Britain Afloat.</b> Mary-Ann Ochota tells the story of river boats in Britain, reaching back through time to investigate the ancient coracle, which is thought to have been in use for 40,000 years.
8.30	<b>Dad's Army.</b> Warden Hodges challenges Captain Mainwaring's platoon to a cricket match. Featuring a guest appearance by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman. (R)
9.00	<b>Basquiat – Rage to Riches.</b> Documentary, profiling the rise in profile of the work of American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, via interviews with his sisters, friends, confidants, lovers and contemporaries.
10.30	<b>Performance Live: Missing Episode.</b> Ross Sutherland's audio-visual poem, which remixes an edition of EastEnders from October 7, 1997 to tell the story of what happened to the poet the night that episode first aired.
11.00	<b>Later – with Jools Holland.</b> The pianist welcomes the National back to the show, along with Morrissey, Queens of the Stone Age, Khalid, Jessie Ware and Marty Stuart.
12.05	<b>FILM: Bright Days Ahead (2013).</b> Romantic drama, starring Fanny Ardant and Laurent Lafitte.
1.35	<b>FILM: A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square (1979).</b> Crime drama, starring David Niven.
3.20	<b>This is BBC2.</b>

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITV: Sooty</b> 6.10 <b>Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b> 6.20 <b>Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b> 6.35 <b>Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures</b> 6.45 <b>Super 4</b> 7.00 <b>Mission Employable</b> 7.05 <b>Oddbods</b> 7.10 <b>Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors</b>
7.30	<b>Scrambled!: Scrambled!</b> Two hours of children's fun.
7.35	<b>Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.</b> Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50	<b>Scrambled!: Fangbone.</b> Fangbone trades in all of his battle trophies. (R)
8.10	<b>Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.</b> (R)
8.30	<b>Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.</b> International Rescue intervenes when the Mechanic seizes the Grand Sequoia Dam.
9.05	<b>Scrambled!: Adventure Time.</b> Fun for children.
9.25	<b>Saturday Morning with James Martin.</b> With guests Camilla Dallerup and Paul Rankin.
11.20	<b>Midsomer Murders.</b> The maid of honour is stabbed at a baron's wedding. (R)
1.10	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
1.15	<b>Catchphrase.</b> Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
2.00	<b>The Chase.</b> Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
2.55	<b>The X Factor: Bootcamp.</b> Dermot O'Leary presents the Bootcamp stage. (R)
4.25	<b>Thunderbirds Are Go.</b> A modern remake of the classic 1960s adventure series. (R)
4.50	<b>Little Big Shots.</b> Dawn French gets outsmarted by a five-year-old member of Mensa. (R)
5.50	<b>ITV News Central;</b> Weather.
6.00	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
6.15	<b>Cannonball.</b> Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.
7.10	<b>The Family Chase.</b> Bradley Walsh hosts one final round of the family-themed edition of the game show, as the Prices from Oldham face one of the professional quizzers. Last in the series.
8.15	<b>The X Factor: Bootcamp.</b> Dermot O'Leary presents as the Bootcamp stage concludes with an arena audition, which sees the competitors performing in front of a live audience for the first time this series.
9.45	<b>The Jonathan Ross Show.</b> The host is joined in the studio by Game of Thrones star Kit Harington, Hollywood actress Liv Ullmann, TV presenter Sue Perkins, singer Mary J Blige and comedian Rob Beckett.
10.45	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
11.05	<b>FILM: American Pie: The Wedding (2003).</b> The friends reunite to celebrate Jim and Michelle's forthcoming trip to the altar – but events quickly spiral out of control. Comedy sequel, with Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan.
12.50	<b>Jackpot247.</b> Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	<b>The Hungry Sailors.</b> Dick and James Strawbridge visit St Ives, Cornwall. (R)
3.50	<b>ITV Nightscreen.</b>

Channel 4	
6.15	<b>Mobil 1 The Grid.</b> Including interviews with F1 drivers Carlos Sainz and Max Verstappen.
6.45	<b>Triathlon: Stoke on Trent City of Sport.</b> Action from a recent event.
7.10	<b>3rd Rock from the Sun.</b> Dick learns about the ageing process. (R)
7.35	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Part two of two. Robert and Amy exchange vows. (R)
8.05	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Debra joins Ray on the golf course. (R)
8.30	<b>Frasier.</b> Roz asks Frasier to narrate a documentary. (R)
9.00	<b>Frasier.</b> Niles and Frasier try to help their old school. (R)
9.30	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Howard and Bernadette decide they do not want to know the gender of their baby.
10.00	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Amy and Sheldon have an argument over their bathroom schedules.
10.25	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Penny discovers she has a dedicated fan-base from her Serial Ape-ist days.
10.55	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Milhouse's estranged parents consider a reconciliation. (R)
11.25	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Bart is knocked down by Mr Burns' car. (R)
11.55	<b>The Crystal Maze.</b> An all-female football team tackles the Maze. (R)
1.00	<b>Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.</b> Action from the Suzuka Circuit.
2.30	<b>World's Most Expensive Cars.</b> Ant Anstead profiles four rally cars being prepared for auction.
3.35	<b>A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.</b> Ben Hillman helps a retired couple buy a Florida home. (R)
4.35	<b>A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.</b> A couple who want to move to the Azores. (R)
5.35	<b>Location, Location, Location.</b> Kirstie Allsopp helps Brett and Jo go house hunting in Nottingham. (R)
6.30	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
7.00	<b>Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.</b> The Time Team veteran ventures along the Derbyshire Portway in the Peak District, taking in an abandoned railway tunnel and DH Lawrence's mountain retreat.
8.00	<b>WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails.</b> Monty Halls travels along the ridges of the French Pyrenees mountains on the border with Spain, which were traversed by thousands of people seeking to escape Nazi occupation.
9.00	<b>FILM: Escape Plan (2013).</b> A security expert is incarcerated after being duped and tries to break out with the help of a fellow convict. Thriller, with Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.
11.15	<b>FILM: The Gunman (2015).</b> After spending years in hiding, a mercenary becomes the latest target of his former colleagues. Crime drama, starring Sean Penn and Idris Elba.
1.20	<b>The Last Leg.</b> With guest Victoria Coren Mitchell. (R)
2.20	<b>Hollyoaks.</b> Omnibus. Milo opens up to Cindy.
4.30	<b>Building the Dream.</b> A retired couple build an Arts and Crafts-inspired home. (R)
5.25	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> (R)
5.55	<b>Kevin Can Wait.</b>

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!:</b> Poppy Cat 6.10 <b>Little Princess</b> 6.25 <b>The Mr Men Show</b> 6.35 <b>Milkshake! Monkey</b> 6.40 <b>Milkshake! Bopping About</b> 6.45 <b>Simon</b> 6.50 <b>Peppa Pig</b> 6.55 <b>Wissper</b> 7.05 <b>Paw Patrol</b> 7.15 <b>Bob the Builder</b> 7.30 <b>Fireman Sam</b> 7.40 <b>Ollie the Little White Van</b> 7.50 <b>Paw Patrol</b> 8.05 <b>Blaze and the Monster Machines</b> 8.30 <b>Noddy: Toyland Detective</b> 8.50 <b>Floogals</b> 9.00 <b>Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom</b> 9.15 <b>Shimmer and Shine</b> 9.35 <b>Digby Dragon</b> 9.50 <b>Peppa Pig</b>
9.55	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> The team faces Stockman-Fly's new insect minions. (R)
10.30	<b>The Gadget Show.</b> Jon Bentley offers his thoughts on the latest iPhone. (R)
11.20	<b>Criminals: Caught on Camera.</b> How CCTV is used to enforce a drinking ban on a park. (R)
11.50	<b>Police Interceptors.</b> Barry Peach outsmarts a disqualified driver. (R)
12.50	<b>Police Interceptors.</b> PC Barry Peach hunts for a man suspected of assault. (R)
1.50	<b>Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.</b> A tenant who stopped paying rent because she was in prison. (R)
2.50	<b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> A dispute over property boundaries results in a man falling victim to a campaign of terror. (R)
3.50	<b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> A man subjected to a campaign of harassment by his neighbour. (R)
4.50	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
4.55	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Agents Matt and Garry chase £1,700 owed by an accountant to a client. (R)
5.50	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Paul and Ben get a surprise when they try to force their way into a property. (R)
6.50	<b>FILM: Where Eagles Dare (1968).</b> A commando unit sets out to rescue an American general held captive by the Nazis in a heavily defended fortress. Second World War adventure, with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood.
9.45	<b>Live Boxing: York Hall Brawl.</b> Andrew Selby v Maximino Flores. Coverage of the WBC world flyweight eliminator, which takes place at York Hall in Bethnal Green.
11.30	<b>Football on 5: Goal Rush.</b> Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Doncaster Rovers v Southend United and Barnet v Coventry City.
12.15	<b>SuperCasino.</b> Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10	<b>FILM: Love at the Parade (2012).</b> The organiser of Chicago's Thanksgiving parade falls for a consultant brought in to take over the event's finances. Romantic drama, with Autumn Reeser.
4.40	<b>Divine Designs.</b> Architecture after the Second World War. (R)
5.05	<b>Wildlife SOS.</b> The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
5.30	<b>Chinese Food in Minutes.</b> Two survivors learn how to prepare classic oriental dishes. (R)
5.45	<b>Chinese Food in Minutes.</b> Two professional ice-skaters learn to prepare traditional oriental dishes. (R)





**The Last Post**

9pm

Mary goes into labour while her husband has left the city to rendezvous with the SAS, who are returning to Aden after a secret mission. Meanwhile, Honor joins an exclusive club.



**Dragons' Den**

8pm

The panel assesses the profit-making potential of business plans for a range of eco mannequins, cork-based yoga mats, and a cycling navigation device. Presented by Evan Davis.



**Victoria**

9pm

After a series of assassination attempts, the queen is forced to seek sanctuary in the Scottish Highlands – but finds it is not the romantic retreat she had fantasised about.



**Escape**

8pm

A group of five engineers is challenged to escape from a simulated landslide that has caused several vehicles to fall into a deep canyon. Presented by Ant Middleton.



**Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights**

8pm

Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the sixth round of matches, including Harlequins v Sale Sharks.

**BBC1**

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.**
- 10.00 Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
- 11.00 Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Sarah Smith. Including a regional round-up.
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt.** Kate Bliss and Thomas Plant help two teams in Builth Wells, Powys. (R)
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.**
- 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties about to be auctioned in Surrey, London and Cheshire. (R)
- 2.15 Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore and her team revamp items including a pair of brown atomic chairs. (R)
- 3.00 Escape to the Country.** Margherita Taylor helps a woman in North Yorkshire. (R)
- 3.45 Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
- 4.00 Lifeline.** Fern Britton presents an appeal for children's charity Dreams Come True.
- 4.10 Songs of Praise.** Katherine Jenkins joins a Christian retreat walk for Mental Health Day.
- 4.45 Who Do You Think You Are?** The American actress Ruby Wax traces her family tree. (R)
- 5.45 BBC News.**
- 6.05 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 6.15 Countryfile.** Anita Rani and Matt Baker visit Dumfries House in East Ayrshire, and discover how the estate is providing young people with a chance to develop traditional farming and craft skills.
- 7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Claudia Winkleman and Tess Daly reveal the next couple to leave the contest. Plus, a group performance inspired by Disney movies and a guest appearance by Sheridan Smith.
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Nymans Gardens near Crawley, where items brought in to be valued include an axe used in one of George Mallory's ascents of Everest.
- 9.00 The Last Post.** Mary goes into labour while her husband has left the city to rendezvous with the SAS, who are returning to Aden after a secret mission to capture a dangerous fugitive.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 Sir Bobby Charlton at 80.** Documentary celebrating the life and career of the former Manchester United footballer, who won the World Cup with England on home soil in 1966, as he approaches his 80th birthday.
- 11.35 The Women's Football Show.** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.
- 12.10 The Graham Norton Show.** Kate Winslet and Idris Elba discuss their new romance-disaster movie, The Mountain Between Us. Comedian Chris Rock and singer Liam Gallagher also guest. (R)
- 1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.05 BBC News.**

**BBC2**

- 6.25 Great British Garden Revival.** Scented gardens and tulips. (R)
- 7.25 Gardeners' World.** Monty Don gives advice on making leaf mould. (R)
- 8.25 The Beechgrove Garden.** The team explores the horticultural highlights of Oldmeldrum in Aberdeenshire.
- 8.55 Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison follows in the footsteps of a famous Yorkshire walking society. (R)
- 9.50 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
- 11.20 Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking.** A selection of comforting home-cooked dishes. (R)
- 11.50 My Life on a Plate.** Arlene Phillips' childhood and early culinary memories. (R)
- 12.35 Alfred Hitchcock: Talking Pictures.** Profile of film director Alfred Hitchcock. (R)
- 1.15 FILM: Dial M for Murder (1954).** Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Ray Milland.
- 3.00 Gymnastics: World Championships.** Matt Baker presents highlights of day six.
- 5.00 Rugby League Grand Final Highlights.** Action from the Super League's showpiece match at Old Trafford.
- 6.00 Top Gear.** Rory Reid and Sabine Schmitz go in search of the latest supercars at Germany's Nurburgring circuit, while Tamsin Greig is this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car. (R)
- 7.00 Russia with Simon Reeve.** The traveller witnesses a commemoration of the Second World War in the city of Irkutsk, and meets a Siberian community who worship a man claiming to be the reincarnation of Christ. (R)
- 8.00 Dragons' Den.** The panel assesses the profit-making potential of business plans for a range of eco mannequins, cork-based yoga mats, and a cycling navigation device. Presented by Evan Davis.
- 9.00 Louis Theroux: Dark States – Heroin Town.** New series. In Huntington, West Virginia, Louis Theroux embeds himself in an Appalachian community that is being devastated and stretched to its limits by widespread heroin use.
- 10.00 Snowfall.** New series. An educated young man seeks a way to get on in life. Hard-hitting drama about the beginnings of the crack epidemic in 1980s Los Angeles. Damson Idris stars.
- 10.55 Mock the Week.** Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Ed Gamble, Milton Jones and Nish Kumar join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
- 11.30 FILM: Oranges and Sunshine (2010).** A social worker discovers thousands of British children have been sent to care homes in Australia and suffered abuse. Fact-based drama, starring Emily Watson and Hugo Weaving.
- 1.10 Sign Zone: Question Time.** David Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Stockport, where panellists include First Secretary of State Damian Green and Labour's Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner. (R)
- 2.10 Sign Zone: Holby City.** Matteo makes a devastating discovery when a stranger recognises Nina on the ward. (R)
- 3.10 This Is BBC2.**

**ITV**

- 6.00 CITV: Sooty**
- 6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**
- 6.20 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**
- 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures**
- 6.45 Super 4**
- 7.00 Mission Employable**
- 7.05 Oddbods**
- 7.10 Thunderbirds Are Go**
- 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
- 7.35 Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
- 7.50 Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** An old photo album makes Bean reminisce. (R)
- 8.10 Scrambled!: Ben 10.** (R)
- 8.30 Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang. (R)
- 9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
- 9.25 ITV News.**
- 9.30 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury.** The first five miles of The Pennine Way. Last in the series. (R)
- 10.00 Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
- 10.55 Amazing Animal Births.** Lucy Cooke helps a farmer with a tricky calf delivery. (R)
- 11.25 Robson Green's Coastal Lives.** The presenter meets a Pembrokeshire family who bought their own island. (R)
- 11.55 Bigheads.** Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show. (R)
- 12.55 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 1.00 The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 2.00 The X Factor: Bootcamp.** The Bootcamp stage concludes with an arena audition. (R)
- 3.30 Victoria.** The queen is faced with a famine sweeping Ireland. (R)
- 4.30 World Cup Qualifier Live.** Lithuania v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).
- 7.15 ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 7.20 ITV News and Weather.**
- 7.30 The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** Dermot O'Leary hosts the six chair challenge, in which each judge must choose six acts to go through to the next stage of the contest – but are free to change their mind.
- 9.00 Victoria.** After a series of assassination attempts, the queen is forced to seek sanctuary far from the palace. She and Albert travel to the Scottish Highlands, an area that has always fascinated her, but proves to be far from the romantic retreat she had fantasised about. However, travelling incognito gives both the royal couple and their servants a freedom they do not often experience. Denis Lawson guest stars.
- 10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.15 Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)
- 11.15 World Cup Qualifier Highlights.** Jacqui Oatley presents action from the latest fixtures, including Lithuania v England and Slovenia v Scotland in Group F, and Norway v Northern Ireland in Group C.
- 12.15 Liar.** Laura travels to Edinburgh to uncover the truth behind Andrew's wife's death. (R)
- 1.10 Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
- 3.00 Motorsport UK.** Richard John Neil presents action from Rockingham.
- 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights.**

**Channel 4**

- 6.20 Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin is unimpressed with the way Donna has rearranged the house.
- 6.45 Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin hires someone to do his jobs while he has fun.
- 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie tries to put Amy in her place. (R)
- 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Michael stays home from school. (R)
- 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert and Amy annoy Ray and Debra. (R)
- 8.30 Frasier.** Niles spoils Frasier's new radio show. (R)
- 9.00 Frasier.** Daphne breezes back into Niles's life. (R)
- 9.30 Sunday Brunch.** With guests Nick Pickard, Chris Packham and Rick Edwards.
- 12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast.** Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty are joined by guest John Bishop. (R)
- 1.35 The Simpsons.** Homer moves into a camper van. (R)
- 2.00 The Simpsons.** Bart is referred to a therapist. With the voice of Meg Ryan. (R)
- 2.30 The Simpsons.** Moe's bar is threatened with closure. (R)
- 3.00 Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Highlights.** Action from the Suzuka Circuit.
- 5.15 The Great British Bake Off.** Challenges include a savoury signature. (R)
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 Escape to the Chateau.** Dick and Angel look ahead to wedding season, with eight couples booking the chateau for their big day. Dick also converts a barn into a flat for Angel's parents. Last in the series.
- 8.00 Escape.** A group of five engineers is challenged to escape from a simulated landslide that has caused several vehicles to fall into a deep canyon. Presented by Ant Middleton.
- 9.00 Electric Dreams: Crazy Diamond.** A married man's life is turned upside down by a mysterious woman who is actually a synthetic being, and who leads him into a life of crime. Starring Steve Buscemi.
- 10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with captain Jon Richardson and Jason Manford take on guest captain Alan Carr and Katherine Ryan. (R)
- 11.05 FILM: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013).** An ordinary man who drifts through life by disappearing into daydreams is forced to embark on an adventure in real life. Comedy drama, with Ben Stiller and Kristen Wiig.
- 1.10 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails.** The trials faces by people seeking to escape Nazi occupation by crossing the French Pyrenees mountains. (R)
- 2.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.** The Time Team veteran ventures along Offa's Dyke, near the England-Wales border. (R)
- 2.55 Gillette World Sport.**
- 3.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly.**
- 3.45 Mobil 1 The Grid.** (R)
- 4.15 Best of Both Worlds.** (R)
- 5.05 Four in a Bed.** (R)
- 5.35 Countdown.** (R)

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat**
- 6.10 Little Princess**
- 6.25 Mr Men**
- 6.35 Milkshake! Monkey**
- 6.40 Peppa Pig**
- 6.45 Simon**
- 6.50 Wissper**
- 7.00 Bob the Builder**
- 7.10 Fireman Sam**
- 7.20 Paw Patrol**
- 7.35 Olly the Little White Van**
- 7.45 Blaze and the Monster Machines**
- 8.15 Noddy: Toyland Detective**
- 8.30 Floodgals**
- 8.45 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**
- 8.55 Shimmer and Shine**
- 9.15 Digby Dragon**
- 9.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Don Viziozo plans to wipe out all the mutants in New York. (R)
- 10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
- 10.35 Police Interceptors.** Jules Bennett rushes to assist a fellow officer. (R)
- 11.35 Police Interceptors.** A foul-mouthed pensioner pushes Barry's patience to the limit. (R)
- 12.30 FILM: Innerspace (1987).** Sci-fi comedy, starring Dennis Quaid.
- 2.50 FILM: Mannequin (1987).** Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy.
- 3.50 5 News Update.**
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- 4.35 FILM: Annie (1982).** John Huston's musical, with Aileen Quinn and Albert Finney.
- 5.35 5 News Update.**
- 5.40 FILM: Annie (1982).** John Huston's musical, with Aileen Quinn and Albert Finney.
- 7.05 Deep-Sea Super Predator.** Documentary following the search for a mysterious creature that is large enough to hunt down and devour a three-metre great white shark. (R)
- 8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the sixth round of matches, including Harlequins v Sale Sharks, Exeter Chiefs v Newcastle Falcons, and Saracens v Wasps.
- 8.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 FILM: Wild Card (2015).** Premiere. A Las Vegas bodyguard with a gambling problem finds himself on the wrong side of a mob boss. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Michael Angarano.
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- 11.05 FILM: Safe (2012).** A former cage fighter protects a 12-year-old girl holding valuable information that several criminal factions want. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Catherine Chan.
- 12.50 Car Crash TV.** Incidents involving public transport.
- 1.15 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 FILM: A Lonely Place to Die (2011).** Thriller, starring Melissa George.
- 4.50 Divine Designs.** Paul Binski visits Liverpool's two cathedrals. (R)
- 5.15 Wildlife SOS.** (R)
- 5.40 Chinese Food in Minutes.** Ching-He Huang teaches two taxi drivers to cook tiger prawns. (R)



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## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Deaths

#### PRITCHARD

George Edward Bickley

Former Grenadier Guardsman, Councillor and Mayor, President of The Royal British Legion and Founder Member of the Oswestry Senior Citizens Club.

Son of the late Edward and Bessie Pritchard (nee Goswell) and Stepson of Doctor Maurice Marshall Fitzgerald-Arthur of Bumbury, Cheshire.

Passed away peacefully at home on September 20, 2017, aged 94 years.

Much loved Husband of Audrey, devoted Father of Adele, Father-in-law to Mark and adored proud Grandad to Alexander.

Funeral Service to be held at St Giles Church, Shrewsbury, on Tuesday, October 10, at 12 noon, followed by Cremation at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, at 1.15pm.

Donations if desired to West Midlands Air Ambulance.

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Betty, Gill, Susan and Robert would sincerely like to thank Family, Friends and Neighbours for their kindness, support and lovely messages of sympathy received on the sad loss of our Mother.

Thanks also to everyone for their attendance at the Funeral and for their kind donations amounting to £200, which has been taken to the Severn Hospice.

We would like to make a special thank you to Mike and his Team from Frank Painter and Sons for their kindness, support and professionalism.

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#### YARDLEY

Derek Richard

Mrs Sue Yardley, Lynn, Rachel, Simon and the Family of the late Mr Derek Yardley wish to express their sincere thanks to all Relatives, Friends, Neighbours and Members of the wider farming community for the many cards, letters, emails and other kind messages of sympathy, love and prayers received at this very sad and most difficult time, for the attendance of so many of you at his Funeral Service and for your donations, which are being received for and divided between to The British Heart Foundation and The Midlands Air Ambulance.

Your support has been greatly appreciated by us all.

We extend our special thanks to H M Coroners Officer for your guidance and support throughout this very uncertain time, to The Flower Shop in Bridgnorth for the floral coffin tribute, to the Bearers for completing your duties with such dignity, to everyone who shared their memories of Derek with us for inclusion in his Funeral Service and particularly to Suzanne Millington, Paul Verney, Amanda Liddle and Jo Dunn for your very personal contributions to the Ceremonies, to Steve Ruffell and his Team at The Down Inn for the excellent post Funeral catering and to the Reverend Preb Edward Ward and Organist Mr Stephen Lomas for leading us in a most uplifting celebration of the life and times of Derek Yardley.

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# Renault throws hat in SUV ring again

By Graham Breeze

**It takes guts for one of the world's biggest car producers to admit they got it wrong but Renault had to do just that with the Koleos – because it never really took off in the UK.**

But all that could be about to change with the arrival of a new large Koleos SUV option fully equipped to take on Nissan, Skoda, Ford and Hyundai and building on the success of the smaller Kadjar and Captur ranges.

Renault pulled the plug on the original Koleos back in 2010 with the British crossover market still in its infancy. Since then the SUV sector has been the place to be seen so it had to be only a matter of time before the French threw their hat into the ring again – and this time they look ready to become a big player.

Though the company may just live to regret a decision to reveal a UK line-up which is exclusively diesel – just at the time when the Government is trying to steer us away from diesel engines. Time will tell on that one with buyers able to pick from front or all-wheel drive and manual or a CVT X-Tronic automatic gearbox.

You would also hang a big question mark over pricing too with the Dynamique S Nav dCi 130 starting the range off at £27,500 and the Signature Nav dCi 175 Auto X-Tronic setting you back £34,200.

That's considerably more than the opposition though the difference is in spec levels where just about everything you need comes in the standard price and that includes hands-free parking, panoramic sunroof, heated and ventilated front seats and cup holders, one-touch easy folding rear seats, 360 degree parking sensors, LED headlights, live traffic updates, a rear parking camera, an 8.7inch portrait-style touchscreen, BOSE sound system, Apple Car Play, lane departure warning, blind spot warning, traffic sign recognition and hands-free power-operated tailgate.

Unlike most of its rivals the Koleos is not offered as a seven-seater, though there's no shortage of space with plenty of legroom for all five occupants and wide rear

seats to easily hold three adults. There's also no shortage of headroom even with the panoramic roof in place.

Boot space is competitive and easily passes the golf clubs test, though for a car with no seven-seat opposition you might have expected a bigger box. There's an annoyingly high loading lip too.

I've always been a fan of Renault seating and there's plenty to rejoice about up-front with an outstandingly comfortable set-up.

And while the dash still seems to be fighting a combination of old and new design you can't help but be impressed by the portrait centre touchscreen system which houses just about everything on offer.

## Equipment

I'm still not convinced that all this technology isn't as big a distraction as a mobile phone. It takes the driver's eyes away from the road and on test two seasoned motoring journalists were struggling to master the Sat Nav system. As you would expect Renault has packed the Koleos with safety equipment. That includes six airbags, an emergency braking system that gives almost too much warning if you are going to hit the car in front

You also get blind spot warning, road sign recognition and electronic stability control.

The All-New Koleos's engine and transmission line-up has been tailored to meet the needs and expectations of the model's European markets. Two diesel engines are offered, which deliver 130 and 175hp respectively. The 130hp unit is available with a six-speed manual transmission and the 175hp engine can be chosen with either an X-Tronic automatic seven-speed transmission or a six-speed manual gearbox.

Both engines meet Euro 6b legislation and are equipped with Stop&Start, a NOx trap and a particulate filter. The 1.6-litre four-cylinder, 16-valve ENERGY dCi 130 engine has 130hp (96kW) at 4,000rpm, while peak torque is delivered at 320Nm, available from 1,750 to 2,250rpm. This engine can only be specified with two-wheel drive and a six-speed manual gearbox. It returns 57.6mpg and



The Koleos SUV is fully equipped to take on the likes of Nissan, Skoda, Ford and Hyundai

produces 128g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>, attracting 27% Benefit in Kind taxation (BIK).

The 2.0 Energy DCi 175 engine is the most powerful and comes only with four-wheel drive but with a choice of either 6-speed manual or X-Tronic automatic transmission.

This four-cylinder, 16-valve unit is equipped with a variable-geometry turbocharger, a 1,600-bar fuel-injection rail and piezo-electric injectors. Its maximum power stands at 175hp (127kW) at 3,750rpm, with impressive peak torque of 380Nm available from 2,000 to 3,000rpm.

With the six-speed manual transmission, the 2.0-litre returns 50.4mpg and produces 148g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>

attracting 31 per cent Benefit in Kind. Or with the Auto Xtronic it returns 47.9mpg, and 156g/km, attracting BIK of 33 per cent.

Handling isn't the best in class, particularly on uneven country roads but give the car its head on the motorway and it turns into an impressive traveller with the top-spec Signature Nav DCi 4WD Auto X-Tronic reaching 0-62mph in 9.5seconds, a top speed of 125mph.

Time will tell what awaits this Koleos but it's certain to do better than the previous incarnation.

I have a feeling Renault will regret choosing only diesel for the UK and the lack of a seven-seat option may also count for sales.

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# Classy place to spend hours on road

By Ian Donaldson

**When it comes to clinching the deal Vauxhall customers wants to see something for their money – and right there in the showroom works best.**

So you'll quite likely be popped into the driver's seat of a new Insignia Sports Tourer and be asked to look straight ahead where, if the car has been specced right, you'll feel like a fighter pilot.

For a £290 option brings a head up display that pops speed and sat nav directions directly on to the windscreen, in your sightline and saving a distracting glance downward. Audi charges £900 for the same thing, by the way.

Wander round the rear of this new load lugger from Luton and you may find a biggish cardboard box in the boot, its 135 litres capacity being the precise increase in cargo capacity over the old Sport Tourer.

It's the sort of obvious, practical demonstration of a car's capabilities that, we're told by the men who know at Vauxhall, that makes people happy to sign on the dotted line.

Very sensible too; you may admire the looks of the new largest estate in the Vauxhall range – even spot its modest growth over the one before – but life with a car that will have to earn its living quickly boils down to practicalities.

The outgoing model wasn't quite practical enough, apparently. Too tight for legroom in the back, for starters. The new one stretches the distance between front and rear wheels to the benefit of rear seat passengers.

They now enjoy enough room for two six-footers to sit comfortably in tandem. Not quite the limo-like stretch of a Skoda Superb,

though, which is actually shorter than the new Insignia but in a class of its own in space terms.

The Skoda has the Vauxhall licked on boot room too and so does the VW Passat estate but a perhaps more direct competitor, Ford's Mondeo, is smaller in the luggage bay than the Insignia with back seat up or down.

Whatever the figures show you won't declare the new Vauxhall lacking in stowage space, and worth the £1,500 lift over the Grand Sport hatchback sibling.

## Swallow

The great majority will be heading for life as a company car and there's surely ample room for all the paraphernalia that goes with it.

And at weekends when the family piles on board, the Sports Tourer will swallow all the football kit for the Second XI and still have space for pizzas on the way home.

Prices start at £18,685 for a Design version with a new 1.5 litre 140 horsepower petrol engine.

Not many will go for the entry level trim but Vauxhall thinks the current swing against diesel (warranted or not) might make this petrol model surprisingly popular.

For another £795 you move up to a Design Nav spec, perhaps essential for anyone who needs to know precisely how far away the next business meeting is and when they're going to get there.

You can have a car without sat nav in the next grade up – SRi – but you wonder how many will, with prices from £21,580 for a map enabled (petrol) version.

An SRi 1.6 litre 136 horsepower diesel (£23,240) tried over a mixed route on the press launch showed 54mpg at the end in



The new Insignia Tourer stretches the distance between front and rear wheels to the benefit of rear seat passengers

comparison to the 40mpg of the petrol car, which felt less lively too. Both rode well and felt a mostly classy place to while away hours on the road. There are plenty of cubbies and stowage places and a crisp, business-like feel to the way dials are drawn and switches placed.

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## Sky Bet League One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shrewsbury	11	9	2	0	17	7	29
Wigan Ath.	11	8	1	2	20	6	25
Bradford City	11	7	2	1	18	6	23
P. Borough Utd.	11	6	2	3	22	17	20
Charlton Ath.	11	6	2	3	19	15	20
Blackburn Rvrs	11	6	1	3	15	8	19
Southport Utd	11	5	2	4	11	11	19
Rotherham Utd	11	5	0	5	21	11	15
Blackpool	11	5	0	3	16	13	15
MK Dons	11	5	2	4	11	11	17
Fleetwood	11	5	1	3	18	18	16
Southend Utd.	11	4	3	4	16	18	16
Oxford Utd.	11	4	3	4	18	14	15
Bristol Rvrs	11	5	0	6	17	23	15
Portsmouth	11	4	2	5	15	14	15
Frickley Ath.	11	4	3	4	15	20	18
Walsall	11	4	3	4	10	13	11
Rochdale	11	4	2	5	10	13	11
Oldham Ath.	11	3	1	7	17	26	10
Doncaster Rvrs	11	2	3	6	11	14	9
Bury	11	2	3	6	11	14	9
AFC Wimbledon	11	2	3	6	11	14	9
Northampton	11	2	2	7	6	16	8
Gillingham	11	1	4	6	6	15	7
Plymouth Argyle	11	1	2	8	7	19	5

## Vanarama National N

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harrowgate	12	9	2	1	35	12	29
Salford City	12	8	2	2	20	10	26
Brackley	12	6	1	5	19	8	23
Spennymoor	12	6	3	3	24	25	21
Blyth Spartans	12	7	0	5	28	21	21
Tamworth	12	6	2	4	19	17	20
York City	12	5	3	4	19	14	18
Bradford PA	12	5	3	4	16	15	18
Chorley	12	5	3	4	14	13	18
Southport City	12	4	2	6	15	21	17
Alfreton	12	4	2	6	16	23	17
AFC Telford	12	5	0	7	17	23	15
Neatune	12	3	3	6	15	19	12
Boston Utd	12	3	3	6	15	23	12
Chasetown	12	3	2	7	12	11	11
FC Utd of Man.	12	3	1	8	16	24	10
Gainsborough	12	2	2	8	16	26	10
Nth Ferriby Utd	12	1	2	9	4	29	5

## Evo-Stik League Division One S

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cleithropes	10	8	2	0	26	6	26
Basford Utd	9	7	2	0	19	9	23
Frickley Ath.	11	6	0	5	16	10	18
Leek	11	6	0	5	16	10	18
Sridge PS	11	5	2	4	28	17	17
Spalding Utd	11	5	2	4	12	15	17
Lincoln Utd	11	4	4	3	18	13	16
Charnley	11	4	3	4	13	17	15
L'borough Dyn.	11	4	3	4	18	23	15
Alvechurch	11	4	2	5	19	13	14
Stamford	11	3	3	5	14	10	14
Bedworth Utd.	11	3	2	6	14	16	14
Kidsgrove Ath.	10	4	2	4	16	17	14
Newcastle	11	4	2	5	16	17	14
Belper	10	4	2	4	11	15	14
Donington	11	3	3	5	16	20	13
P. Borough Spts	10	3	4	3	16	20	13
Corby	11	3	3	5	18	21	11
Carlton	11	3	1	7	10	10	10
Sheffield	12	2	5	6	18	28	8
St Helens	11	2	2	7	14	32	8
Grimsley	11	1	3	7	12	26	6

## Hallmark Security Football League First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Silsden AFC	9	9	0	0	23	6	27
LD REMYCA	9	8	1	0	23	6	25
Prestwich Heys	11	7	1	3	35	14	22
Alasager	10	6	1	3	20	12	20
Widnes United	9	6	2	1	20	12	20
Sandbach Utd.	10	5	1	4	21	15	16
Stockport	10	5	1	4	24	16	16
Cammell Laird	10	5	1	4	23	16	16
Bacup Borough	10	5	1	4	23	16	16
AFC Blackpool	9	5	0	4	18	17	15
Cheadle	10	4	2	4	17	19	14
New Mills	10	4	2	4	21	25	14
Chadderton	10	4	2	4	19	20	14
Bacup Borough	7	3	2	2	9	11	11
Holker Old	11	3	2	6	13	31	11
Altherton LR	9	3	1	5	12	13	10
St Helens	10	3	1	6	14	21	10
Eccleall	10	3	1	6	14	27	10
Daisy Hill	11	1	2	8	10	29	5
FC Oswestry	10	1	0	9	12	31	3
Nelson	10	1	0	9	12	31	3

## Total Motion Midland Football League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colehill	11	9	1	1	27	12	28
B'grove Spgs	9	6	1	2	11	10	19
Worcester City	9	6	1	2	11	10	19
SFC Khalsa	10	5	3	2	24	13	18
APC Wulfs	9	6	0	3	15	16	18
Heath Town	9	5	3	1	12	8	17
Coventry Utd.	9	5	1	3	24	13	16
Lye	10	4	2	4	14	11	16
Heanor	9	5	1	3	18	16	16
Heath Town	9	5	1	3	18	16	16
Cov Spilrs	10	4	3	3	14	13	15
Highgate Utd	9	4	2	3	13	11	14
Stourport Swifts	11	4	2	5	20	24	14
Long Eaton Utd.	9	4	2	3	15	8	14
Rugby	9	2	2	5	15	24	8
Haughmond	8	2	1	5	9	15	7
L'borough Union	10	2	1	7	18	7	7
St N'manton Ath	10	2	1	7	8	24	7
Westfields	8	0	3	11	12	8	6
Bolmore	8	1	2	5	9	24	5
Quorn	9	1	2	6	11	28	5
Shawbury Utd	8	1	0	8	9	18	3

## Division 1 P W D L F A P

Studley	10	7	2	1	21	11	23
Walsall Wood	8	7	0	1	28	6	21
Hinkley AFC	10	6	1	3	32	20	19
Atherstone	9	5	2	2	22	14	17
Leicestershire	10	5	2	3	20	15	17
Lichfield City	8	4	3	1	20	15	15
Ilkeston	10	4	3	3	16	11	15
Chelmsley	9	5	0	4	13	20	15
Headingley	9	4	2	3	18	14	14
CR Warwick	9	4	2	3	14	14	14
Heather St J	8	4	3	1	26	18	13
Uttoxeter	11	4	1	6	20	25	13
Cov C Wood	10	4	0	6	16	15	12
Stafford	11	4	0	7	18	23	12
Bagley Rovers	8	3	2	3	14	12	11
Palethall Swifts	10	3	2	5	11	26	9
Beeston	9	3	1	5	11	22	9
Brocton	7	2	1	4	15	18	7
Cadbury Ath	8	1	3	4	12	16	6
Nuneaton Grifv	9	2	0	7	8	24	6
Coventry Allys	10	2	0	8	7	32	6



Shrewsbury Hockey Club's coaching sessions for boys and girls in years one to seven have restarted on Sunday mornings between 10:30am and 11:30am at Roman Road Sports Centre. Any youngsters keen to give hockey a go would be made most welcome. For more details, email shrewsburyhcnjuniors@gmail.com

## West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'Ton Sp't Com.	9	9	0	0	45	6	27
Cradley	12	7	2	3	21	13	23
Twidale	9	7	1	1	24	8	22
Malvern	9	7	1	1	24	8	22
BC Rangers	12	6	4	2	32	24	22
Westonfield	11	7	0	4	31	21	21
Ellesmere Rvrs	10	6	1	3	26	15	19
AFC Bridgnorth	11	5	3	2	23	16	16
Newport	9	5	0	4	26	22	15
Bilston Com.	11	4	3	4	24	25	15
Bewdley	9	4	2	5	21	14	14
W'Ton Casuals	9	4	2	5	21	14	14
Newport	9	4	2	5	21	14	14
Hereford LC	13	4	1	8	22	33	13
Hudersfield Sports	12	4	1	7	21	34	13
Shifnal	10	3	1	6	18	24	10
Dudley	10	2	2	7	12	28	7
Pegasus Jms	12	1	2	9	17	38	7
Stone OA	9	2	0	7	11	28	6
Wellington Ams	11	0	2	9	8	48	2

## Division 1 P W D L F A P

Team Dudley	9	6	1	3	30	11	20
Worcs Raiders	8	6	1	1	27	16	19
Old Wulfrunians	8	5	2	1	13	9	17
Darlaston 1874	8	4	4	0	26	15	16
Newport	8	4	2	2	20	17	14
Shifnal Utd	8	4	2	2	20	17	14
Craven Arms	8	4	2	2	20	17	14
Alcester	7	4	1	2	18	10	13
Bustolthorpe	7	4	1	2	18	10	13
St Martins	7	4	0	3	17	10	12
Bromford	7	4	0	3	17	10	12
Telford Juniors	9	3	1	5	18	21	10
Wern	8	3	1	4	11	16	10
Gornal Ath.	8	2	2	4	18	20	8
Wylley	8	1	6	8	24	4	4
Wrenes Nest	4	1	0	3	10	13	3
Willenhall	4	1	0	8	4	9	1

## Welsh Premier League P W D L F A P

The New Saints	7	5	1	1	16	5	16
Banagher City	7	5	0	2	12	8	15
Cardiff Met	4	4	1	2	11	5	13
Llandudno	7	4	1	2	10	5	13
Chelmsley	7	3	2	2	10	11	11
Barry Utd	7	3	1	3	7	10	10
Newtown	7	2	2	3	9	8	8
Bala	7	2	1	4	6	13	7
Prestatyn	7	1	3	3	6	11	6
Cardiff City AFC	7	1	3	3	6	11	6
Aberystwyth	7	0	2	5	4	15	2

## Spar Mid Wales League Division 1 P W D L F A P

Llanidloes.....	9	7	0	2	21	14	21
Welshpool.....	9	6	2	1	27	13	21
Llanrhaeadr.....	8	6	0	2	28	7	14
Llanfair Utd.....	10	5	1	4	23	21	14
Bow Street.....	8	4	2	2	17	10	14
Radnor Valley.....	9	4	1	4	25	22	11
Carno.....	9	3	3	3	17	17	11
Kerry.....	7	3	2	2	18	19	11
Knighton.....	8	3	1	4	18	16	11
Tywyn Brynrcrug.....	7	3	1	3	14	16	11
Llŷdod Wells.....	8	3	0	5	14	17	11
Berriew.....	7	2	2	3	12	18	11
Churchstoke.....	7	2	1	4	9	16	11



## Saints hit back to win nine-goal thriller

ST MARTINS made it three wins on the bounce in the West Midlands League division one with a thrilling 5-4 victory at Telford Juniors.

Buoyed by their 6-1 demolition of Tipton Town in their previous outing, the Saints went into the clash with Telford Juniors full of a confidence as they looked to carry on their winning streak.

The first 20 minutes was full of chances, with Shawn Melusi going close for the visitors before Jackson Hassanyeh was narrowly off target from a Callum Graybrook cross.

However, it was Telford who got the first goal of the game with a darting run at the St Martins defence, the striker managing to squeeze in a shot which found its way into the back of the net.

The hosts doubled their lead five minutes before half time with a controversial free kick from the edge of the box.

But the Saints were up for the fight, and moments into the second half, a great strike from outside the box from Hassanyeh found the top corner to bring the visitors back into the game.

Telford, however, restored their two goal cushion when a cross found the net, before Melusi pulled one back when pouncing on a rebound after Tom Ash's shot had been saved.

Again, the home side restored their two goal lead at 4-2 with a neat lob from a counter attack, but St Martins staged a stunning fightback with three goals to turn the game around.

Graybrook reduced the arrears straight from the kick off, then Dave Easthope levelled matters when keeping his cool to find the bottom corner from the rebound after Melusi's shot had been saved.

With the game in the balance at 4-4, Telford were reduced to 10 men, before Hassanyeh settled the issue with a terrific free kick.

A second dismissal followed for the home side as St Martins held firm for a fine win courtesy of a great team effort that lifted the side up to ninth in the table.

# Super Seargeant is TNS five-goal hero

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**A HAT-TRICK from midfielder Chris Seargeant ensured The New Saints regained pole position in the JD Welsh Premier with a 5-0 romp at early strugglers Carmarthen Towh.**

The Saints were edged out 1-0 in their last visit to the West Wales club last February - their first defeat of that season - but gained sweet revenge in ruthless fashion this time.

Having lost top spot to Bangor City in mid-week, the defending champions were back in their familiar position at the summit with a display of ruthless efficiency.

As well as Sergeant's treble, Blaine Hudson and Ryan Brobbel also found the net in a five-star performance.

Victory sounded an ominous warning to their rivals with TNS unbeaten in their last six league outings - while scoring 16 goals and conceding none.

It was a big day for Carmarthen, who were playing their first competitive game on the new 3G surface at the Cymru Tyres Stadium after six games on the road.

But they had no answer to the defending champions who took an instant liking to the pitch as they opened up a three-goal interval lead, before netting twice more in the second period for a resounding win.

"It was good to keep another clean sheet, that's what we strive for, and if we do that, then we know we're going to get chances at the other end," said manager Scott Ruscoe.

"It was a good away performance. We got an early goal which settled us down, and we never looked back after that.

"It makes a change playing here on a 3G pitch which the boys feel confident of playing on, and suits our style of play."

Old Gold were soon up against it as TNS took a 10th minute lead when a Seargeant free-kick into the box fell to Hudson who became the first player to score on the Carmarthen pitch.

The TNS advantage was doubled on 38 minutes when Seargeant outstripped the home defence before deftly chipping keeper Hall.

It could have been three when Carmarthen were almost caught out again by their high line again as Brobbel broke clear, but the midfielder chipped wide of the upright.

However, there was no escape for the Old Gold on the stroke of half time as Fletcher released Simon Spender who rounded Hall, before squaring for Seargeant to slot in his second of the game.

The second half was just five minutes old when the Saints added a fourth goal to effectively seal the game as Brobbel shrugged off his marker before firing into the net.

Carmarthen captain Lee Surman almost pulled one back three minutes later, but his counterpart in the TNS goal, Paul Harrison, pulled off a terrific save.

The visitors continued to look the more incisive, and made it 5-0 when Fletcher was brought down by Hall in the box on 67 minutes, and Seargeant duly dispatched the penalty to complete his hat-trick and spoil the homecoming party for the Old Gold.

Meanwhile, Callum Morris' controversial second half strike proved enough to take Connah's Quay into second spot with a hard-fought 1-0 victory at Newtown.

## Salter signs off at Henlle Park



Dave Salter holds the engraved salver donated by the Henlle Park Golf Club members

MEMBERS at Henlle Park paid tribute to the club's founder member Dave Salter who has called time after 13 years.

Salter stood down at the club's annual prize giving, and was thanked for his initiative, enthusiasm and hard work over the years.

After helping to found the club, he launched the club's popular Wednesday evening nine hole competition in 2004.

He devised the rules, purchased

the winner's trophy and ran the competition every Wednesday evening, from early April to September, in which he would sign in members and introduce new members.

At the end of each season, he announced the results and awarded the winners with their prizes.

After 13 years, service Salter will now hand over the responsibility and management to others - and his efforts and hard work

were recognised by club president and members at the club's prize giving.

Members donated generously towards a leaving present, which was presented on the evening by the club captain, while he was given a standing ovation not seen at the club before.

The evening finished with a curry cooked by the club head chef Tom Jones, together with a celebratory cake, cut by Salter and enjoyed by the members.

## Leaders are Breese-ing things with another win

LIFE'S a Breese at the moment for Caernarfon Town who remain a point clear at the top of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance with a 7-0 thrashing of Queens Park.

Former Welshpool, Newtown and Llandloes striker Jamie Breese led the way with four, his first on 13 minutes before adding three more in the second period on 47, 52 and 85 minutes.

Darren Thomas and Nathan Craig had also found the net with two quickfire first half goals on 34 and 35 minutes, while Danny Brookwell also got in on the act on the hour.

Caernarfon are just ahead of Airbus UK who got back to winning ways with a 4-2 verdict away to Ruthin Town.

Despite trailing to Jordon Mac-Carter's sixth minute opener, the Wingmakers rallied through Pavel Vieira (9) and Wes Baynes (24).

Llyr Morris had Ruthin level, but the visitors restored their lead at the break through Jamie Crowther. Despite having Kristian Platt sent off for his second booking, the visitors were not to be denied as Ryan Edwards settled the issue late on.

Denbigh Town are up to fourth after Josh Davies continued his rich vein of form with a goal in each half in his side's 2-0 home verdict against Penrhyncoch.

Third placed Holywell Town stayed in sight of the leaders after goals from Matt Kendrick (38) and Jamie McDavid (60) earned a 2-0 home success against Porthmadog.

It was honours even as Holyhead Hotspur snatched a 2-2 draw with Gresford Athletic thanks to a last-gasp strike from John Littlemore, his second goal of the game.

## Guilsfield net a point with the last kick

A LATE Guilsfield fightback secured a dramatic 3-3 draw with basement boys Llandudno Junction in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

All seemed to be going well for the Guils after man of the match Jake Cook cut in to fire a 25th minute opener against the league newcomers who were still looking for their first point of the season.

But Junction stormed back to lead 3-1 the break with three goals in seven minutes through Lee Ellis, Dean Seagar and Leigh Craven as the home defence was found wanting.

Guilsfield bossed the second half but time looked to be running out as the visitors were hanging on.

But two substitutes came to the rescue as the villagers salvaged a point, with Iwan Matthews pulled one back on 83 minutes before Louis Irvine grabbed an injury time leveller with the last kick of the game.

Meanwhile, Caersws got back on track with an excellent 2-0 home win over Flint Town United.

## Barton nets a four-timer

DAN Barton scored four times as Guilsfield reserves ran out 6-2 winners away to Llanymynech to move into second spot in the Montgomeryshire League division one.

The prolific striker and former first team boss showed his eye for goal with Luke Francis also scoring a brace. Mike Edwards netted a couple of consolations.

Ash Davies netted twice as Llanfair Reserves secured a 2-0 victory against Meifod to climb up to sixth in the table. Waterloo Rovers got back on track with a 1-0 win against Llanfyllin with Andrew Gwilt getting the only goal of the game.

## Town suffer home defeat to high-fliers

FC OSWESTRY Town's hopes of building on their first win in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one were dashed as they slipped to a 4-1 home loss to promotion chasing Litherland REMYCA.

Despite lying in the basement places, Town had gone into the encounter in good heart after halting a run of eight straight league defeats with a 2-1 success at Cheadle Town the week before.

But, despite some good performances and having their chances, they met their match in Liverpool outfit Litherland who ran out convincing winners to consolidate their position in second place.

Luke Holden gave the visitors a flying start with a second minute opener, but Jamie Hands had the Oswestry side on terms six minutes later.

That was how it stayed until the break, but Town's hopes faded when Holden converted a penalty three minutes into the second period for his second goal of the game before Josh Hamilton (54) and Matty Hamilton's header on the hour sealed their fate.

Victory meant that REMYCA have won all of their games in September, while Town now face a trek to mid-table Carlisle City on Saturday as they chase a second win of the campaign.

# Six of best from Pool sharpshooters

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL Town stepped up their challenge in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a stunning 6-1 victory at Kerry.

Will Thomas led the way with a brace as Pool ravaged the Lambs to move to second in the table, while Dan Bowen, Ian Probert, Ricky Litchfield and Adam Davies also found the net.

Kerry had their chances, with Mark Hughes getting their reply, but their visitors showed a greater clinical edge to record their best win of the season.

The Maesydre side have strengthened their hand with striker Adam Davies joining from Haughmond and midfielder Rob Pritchard signing from Berriew.

Victory took Pool back into second spot, and one point behind leaders Llandloes Town who were 3-1 victors over LLANFAIR UNITED at Victoria Avenue.

Llani took the lead after 13 minutes when a cross from Richie Evans was turned in to the goal by a Llanfair defender in a scramble.

Llanfair levelled five minutes before half time

through Ben Jones, but were second best in the second half as the Daffs wrapped up the spoils.

Harri Clarke headed the home his side back in front 10 minutes into the second period, before a stunning 25-yard left footed strike by Richie Evans sealed the win in the 71st minute.

LLANRHAEADR are breathing down the necks of the leaders after their impressive 5-0 hammering of Tywyn Brynrcrug.

Marc Griffiths got the first after six minutes, then doubled the advantage five minutes into the second period.

Substitute Kieran Evans got the next five minutes later, before Dan Graham scored twice more, one a tap in and another a header, to complete the nap hand.

Carno continue to falter, being downed 6-2 at home to Aberaeron, their replies coming through

Harry Vince-Holt and Peter Rees.

Churchstoke finished a creditable 1-1 with visiting Bow Street, while the goals flowed as Radnor Valley thrashed struggled Machynlleth 8-2.

Llandrindod Wells maintained their revival with a 3-0 win away to Borth United.

Builth Wells are setting a hot pace at the top of division two after their 3-0 victory away to Aberystwyth University.

Richie Powell scored two and Josh Price one in a game that was almost called off in the second half due to the deluge.

DYFFRYN BANW won a 5-4 thriller at Newbridge, but ABERMULE slumped 5-0 away to Brecon Northcote.

Having overcome Aberystwyth University 2-1 at Treffan earlier in the week, LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE kept up the good work with a 5-1 rout of struggling Penybont.

Elsewhere, MONTGOMERY's second division clash at home to Presteigne was postponed.



## Eagles up to fifth with another win on the road

THEY may still be looking for their first home success of the season, but Oswestry are proving to be happy on their travels after reeling off a third successive away win when prevailing 12-8 at Wigan.

On a wet and overcast day at the Douglas Valley ground, the visitors dug deep for a hard-earned victory that lifted them up to fifth in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two table with 17 points.

Wigan sounded an early warning with a concerted attack from a scrum, and were only prevented from scoring by desperate defending from Callum Crutchley and Nikola Nikolov.

Full-back Luca Owen-Youens made some excellent clearance kicks to repel the hosts, and also made great yardage using his speed and strong hand offs.

Wigan broke the deadlock with a penalty. Luca Owen-Youens immediately missed a kick to level matters after good work by Gareth Ellis on the attack to leave the Eagles trailing 3-0 at the interval.

The visitors continued to turn up the pressure from a scrum, with Nikola Nikolov passing to Tudor Jones who charged for the line with a number of Wigan players desperately holding him up.

The referee awarded a five-metre scrum and the Eagles pack held firm with Tom Roberts passing the ball to captain Andrew Smith who charged over the line for an unconverted score.

Skipper Smith continued to lead from the front and, from a scrum awarded within the Wigan 22, Gareth Ellis was quick on the ball and ran in a try under the posts, converted by Owen-Youens for a handy 12-3 lead.

Wigan managed to score an unconverted try in the corner to reduce the deficit to 12-8.

**OSWESTRY IV** are up to ninth in the North West League division four (south) with a 26-20 home success against Northwich III.

# Olympians put their best foot forward

ATHLETICS by John Bridgwater

**OSWESTRY Olympians' young guns were quickly in their stride as a 26-strong contingent secured third place in the first of this season's four Shropshire Cross Country inter club competitions at Lilleshall.**

A superb team spirit supported experienced members Liam Rawlings and Tom Wilde to win their respective categories, while Morgan Hodgkiss, Harry Cartwright, Evie Foster, Kate Hotchkiss, Markus Tins, Francesca Siddi, Lucy Othen and Ianto Owen performed well on their club debuts.

The under-11 boys fielded the club's largest team with six members taking on the 1500 metre course made all the more testing with some uneven ground and long grass.

Supportive parents contributed to the team finishing second on the day by ensuring that three of them reached Lilleshall in time for their race after having completed a football match earlier.

Jack Tinney impressed finishing third, just four seconds ahead of fourth placed Charlie White Jones while Daniel Morris ensured three Oswestrians in the top 10 with a ninth place.

Aaron Warburton, who had just completed an excellent season on the track, showed his versatility with a top twenty finish just ahead of debutants Morgan Hodgkiss and Harry Cartwright.

With the sun still shining, the under-11 girls took on the same course with Evie Foster and Jess Steel both claiming top 10 spots.

Also scoring points for the team were Seren Roberts and another debutant Kate Hotchkiss.

### Bright start

Despite heavy rain arriving during their 3km race, the under-13 boys also had four athletes scoring points. Massimo Wyatt, celebrated his first race after stepping up from a lower age group with 16th place.

Markus Tins made a bright start, keeping up with club mate Sam Newton for the first lap. The more experienced Newton changed gear to finish just three seconds behind Tom Hotchkiss before cheering Markus in his excellent sprint finish.

Both Francesca Siddi and Lucy Othen made successful debuts, contributing points for the under-13 girls event. The top Oswestry runner in this event was Mia Wyatt, while Nia Tansley and Molly Tinney also delivered good performances.

After a superb track season which saw him ranked seventh in the UK in the 1500 metres, Liam Rawlings was clearly the man to catch in the under-15 boys event.

However, nobody came close as Liam completed the 4km circuit almost half a minute ahead of his nearest rival, while Evan Roberts maintained the Oswestry interest with a creditable 14th place.

The club had just one competitor in each of the under-15 and under-17 girls races, with Mia Tate securing a top 20 place while 3 Kate Pugh also shone finishing seventh in her event.

The Oswestry trio of Tom Wilde, Ianto Owen



Oswestry Olympians' Under-13 boys ready to go (from left) Markus Tins, Massimo Wyatt, Tom Hotchkiss and Sam Newton.



Olympians' under-17 boys team (from left): Matthew Collins, Ianto Owen and under-17 boys winner Tom Wilde and the Under-11 girls (from left): Evie Foster, Seren Roberts, Kate Hotchkiss and Jessica Steel

and Matthew Collins faced a gruelling 5km in heavy rain in the under-17 race.

However, their strength shone through with Tom being the second Oswestry member to power home in



first place, and Ianto came sixth and Matthew eleventh to complete an excellent afternoon for the club.

Bridgnorth will host the next race in this series next Sunday, October 8.

# Oswestry net fine victory on the road

TENNIS by John Bridgwater

A RESILIENT display saw Oswestry Tennis Club's second team maintain their good early form in the Shropshire Autumn Mixed Doubles League Group 3 with a 3-1 victory at Wrekin and Telford Tennis Community's (WTTC) first team.

The visitors not only had to rise to the challenge of a steady opposition, but also had to overcome very difficult playing conditions.

Due to an injury, the regular first pairing of Elspeth Cumpston and Gary Edwards were replaced by the third team pairing of David Clough and Linda Clark, who stepped up to the challenge by playing some solid tactical tennis.

They won their first rubber in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 and only narrowly missed out against the opposition's first pairing in their second rubber after taking the first set 6-4, dropping the second 1-6, and losing the championship tie break 0-1.

In the absence of Cumpston and Edwards, Clare Hann and Brett Hollywell took on the role of the first pairing.

Both also found the playing conditions a real test, dropping their first set 2-6 and trailed 2-5 in the second, but, with some new found inspiration and determination, they pulled back to 5-5 before edging the second set 7-5.

Once again, in the tie-break, the pair found themselves 0-6 down, but they didn't give up and dug in deep to finally take the rubber 1-0 (10-8).

Their second rubber proved easier with a straight sets win 6-3, 6-2 to give the Oswestry side a three points to one victory.

The third team continue to go well in 5N after securing a 4-0 victory when travelling across the county to play an away fixture in the village of Hinstock.

In the first round rubbers, David Clough and partner Linda Clark overcame their opponents for the loss of only one game 6-1, 6-0, while the second

pair of Saffron Rainey and Rebecca Hollywell were equally convincing by winning in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

In the reverse rubbers, Clough and Clark again breezed through with a straight sets win 6-1, 6-1, but Rainey and Hollywell needed a third set deciding tie break to bag a full house of points for the Oswestry team 6-4, 2-6, 1-0.

Meanwhile, the fourth team suffered a disappointing 3-1 loss at home against Shifnal 3 in 6N.

The first pair of Craig Nurse and Amanda Cox-head lost in straight sets 4-6 4-6 to the opposing first pair, and 2-6 0-6 to the second pairing.

The second pair of Jo Dalietos and Craig Southern fared considerably better and put up a great fight in their first rubber, losing by the closest of margins in two set tie breaks 6-7, 6-7.

Their fortunes were reversed in the second rubber where they managed to win a tie break in the first set 7-6 before closing out the second set 6-4, thus earning the team a well deserved point.

## The latest returns from Shropshire gold clubs

### HAWKSTONE PARK

**Monthly Medal Division One:** Stuart Smith 77-05=72; Mark Harrington 83-10=73; Stewart Mackness 79-06=73; Division Two: Ian Vickerstaff 94-20 =74; Andrew Hayes-Jones 92-16=76; Michael Shortman 101-21=80.

**Past Director's Stableford:** James Benson 43pts; Stewart Mackness 39pts; Ryan Wainwright 39pts.

**Alex Lyle Memorial Trophy:** Chris Smith 89-18c=71; Lance Ollershaw 78-6c=72; Michael Powell 81-7c=74.

**Ladies' August Medal:** Julie Wales Nett 74; Molly Moore Nett 76; Louisa Jane Goff Nett 77.

**Past Director's Trophy:** Sharon Jones 30pts; Jade Conlon 29pts; Gina Chesters 26pts.

**Seniors' Veterans Men's Alex Lyle Trophy:** Dave Samuel 41pts; Barry Roylance 40pts; Douglas Mein 38pts.

### HENLE PARK

**Dave Salter Competition:** Michael A Jones 184pts; Pete Grimley 183pts; Rae Jones 182pts; Derek Graham 179pts; Cass Bothwell 177pts; Andrew Edon 175pts; D S Jones 174pts (cb); Tony Evans 174pts; Nick Flack 172pts; Alun Jones 169pts. Most Played Matches: Reg Collins. Lowest Score on the night: Mike Welch. Putting Contest Winner: Phil Wilkinson (270 was raised for Muscular Dystrophy Research).

**9 Hole Comp:** Daryl Williams 20pts (cb); Dave Parker 20pts; Tony Evans 19pts (cb).

**Seniors' 3 Ball AM AM Stableford:** Alun Jones, Pete Cartwright & Tony Evans 81pts (cb) (Henlie Park Golf Club); Mike Lloyd, Richard Wolstone & Ian Trimmings 81pts (Shrewsbury Golf Club); Tony Carey, Ray Noble & Alan Shinton 77pts (Orley Golf Club). Nearest the Pin: Jeff Evans (Henlie Park Golf Club). Longest Drive: Mike Lloyd Court (Shrewsbury Golf Club).

### LILLESHALL HALL

**Final Medal Winner:** Dan Hoof 68-0=68. Division 1: D Hoof 68-0=68; M Dunn 82-12=70; A Sutton 78-8=70; A Micklewright 80-10=70; S Hillman 82-11=71; P Harris 79-7=72; Division 2: M Reddin 85-17=68; G Twigg 85-16=69; H McHale 85-16=69; G Chapman 88-18=70; D Lawson 85-14=71.

**September Midweek Medal:** T Treharne 87-16=71; Fordham 97-25=72; N Collins 87-14=73; T Beech 82-7=75.

**Final Stableford and Stableford Winner:** A Richardson. Division 1: P Harris 39; L Fulwood 38; P Owen 37; Division 2: A Richardson 39; D Lawson 39; K Parr 36.

**Ladies' Medal 13:** B Micklewright 87-9=78; J Cann 103-15=88; A Sayner 132-34=98.

### LLANYMYNECH

**September Stableford Division 1:** Hywel Roberts 40pts; John Evans 38pts; Edward Roberts 37pts; Division 2: Mark Edwards 37pts; Neil Edwards 36pts; Gary Owens 35 pts; Division 3: Joe Roberts 41pts; Roy Jones 34pts; Chris Field 34pts.

**Club Finals Day - Burmah Oil Cup:** Tom Collins 1 up.

**Jasper Moon Cup:** Jason Bailey beat Dave Collins 1 up.

**Percy Woods Cup:** Dave Griffiths & Mike Shalkeshaft beat Martyn Smith & Huw Lloyd-Jones 4 & 3.

**Lytham Trophy:** Martin Prince & Sandra Griffiths beat Bob Whiteoak & Annie Prince 2 & 1 up.

**Thonger Cup (Junior KO):** James Clewlow beat James Jones.

**September Extra Stableford:** Merv Pugh 38pts; Ian Tomkewycz 38pts; Colin Preece 38pts; Brian Suckley 36pts; John Turner 35pts; Pete Humphreys 35pts; Dave Sheppard 35pts; Gary Whale 35pts; Simon Pugh 35pts; Brian Beckett 35pts.

**Winners & Runners-up Cup:** Pat Turner 35pts 74-10=64; Colin Jones 81-15=66; Dave Jones 87-20=67; Tim Cook 79-12=67; Chris Allen 78-10=68; Dave Griffiths 74-5=69; Lionel Lee 86-16=70; Spencer Tomkins 87-17=70.

**Ladies' Dusty Bin Winners:** Norma Hughes, Paula Worden and Brenda Rowlands 63pts. Runners-up: Tanya Cook, Ceri Broughall and Gail Roberts 57pts.

### OSWESTRY

**Ladies' AM-AM 18 Hole Stableford (Full Handicap):** Pat York, Ella Jones, Loren Dearing 69pts; Anne Davies, Elsa Gwill, Jane Jones 67pts; Gill Roberts, Gina Hatt, Dot Bowen 66pts; Rachel Wigley, Margaret Evans, Sheila Mackenzie 63pts (cb); Lady Captain, Margaret Dunbar, Pauline Davies 63pts.

### SHREWSBURY

**Ladies' 18 Hole Stableford Division 1:** Linda Mottram 34pts; Sue Pritchard 33pts; Chris Nash 30pts; Division 2: Pat Turner 35pts; Annie Home-Dodd 29pts; Jacqui Austin 27pts; Division 3: Amanda Christmas 34pts; Kate George 26pts; Rosie Malcolm 23pts.

**18 Hole Medal Competition Division 1:** Marie O'Sullivan 93-16=77 (cb); Hilary Fowles 89-12=77; Jayne Breeze 95-17=78 (cb); Mo Griffiths 95-17=78; Division 2: Jacqui Austin 97-24=73; Annie Home-Dodd 99-23=76; Sandra Haw 103-23=80; Paula Lucas 105-23=82.

**Birdie Trophy Winner:** Annie Home-Dodd.

**9 Hole Qualifier Competition:** Amanda Christmas 19pts; Sylvia Brown 16pts; Rose Sixsmith 14pts.

**Weekend Stableford:** Margaret Burge 35pts; Jean Evans 32pts.

### THE BROW

**Winter League 1:** Terry Brough 25pts; Peter Fairbank 24; Garry Gregory 22; Brian Stutard 22.



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## Saints win thriller and it's a treble

ST MARTINS are up to ninth in the West Midlands League division one - and are tipped to go from strength to strength.

The Saints reeled off their third straight win after storming back from a 4-2 deficit to win 5-4 at Telford Juniors - taking the tally to 11 goals in the last two games.

They are now well placed in mid-table and, with a visit to Shropshire rivals Wem on Saturday, will be looking to keep up the good work.

Manager Dan Stevens is currently sidelined as he recovers from a knee operation but, despite being unable to attend games at present, remains in charge of team affairs.

His side have underlined their credentials in recent weeks, and general manager Craig Rogers is confident the upward trend will continue.

"With a couple of additions in the last few weeks, there's no reason why we can't get stronger and stronger and do well this season," he said.

FC Oswestry Town continue their battle to climb off the foot of the Hallmark North West Counties League division one when they make their longest trip of the season to Carlisle City on Saturday.

Town gained a long overdue win the other week when defeating Cheadle Town 2-1, but last weekend slipped to a 4-1 home loss to Litherland REMYCA who have won all of their games in September.

Former TNS midfielder Luke Holden scored two of the goals, his second from the penalty spot, to help earn the Liverpool visitors the spoils after Jamie Hands had levelled for the Oswestry side.

## Clarke on plane for England Lions camp

OSWESTRY batsman Joe Clarke has been named in England Lions' squad for a training camp in Australia.

Ben Duckett, who made his Test debut last winter, and Lancashire's Liam Livingstone are also included along with Tom Westley, Keaton Jennings and Mark Wood who have all recently represented the senior side.

Clarke, 21, who helped Worcestershire to promotion from the second division of the County Championship last season, will be part of a 17-man party to be based in Brisbane from November 14 before flying to Perth on November 30.

The Lions will shadow the senior squad for large parts of the Ashes tour, which kicks off in Brisbane on November 23.

While in Western Australia, the Lions will play three Twenty20 matches against Big Bash outfit Perth Scorchers.

The Lions squad for a seven-week trip to the West Indies in 2018, including three four-day matches and three 50-over fixtures, will be selected in December.

# TNS CRUISE TO HIGH FIVE WIN

FOOTBALL by John Bridgewater

**HOLDERS** The New Saints launched their defence of the Nathaniel MG Cup by making short work of Flint Town United – and now turn their thoughts to the IRN-BRU Cup on Saturday.

As holders, the Saints brushed aside Flint 5-1 at Cae-y-Castell to book their place in the quarter-finals of the league cup as they attempt to lift the trophy for a fourth successive season.

Boss Scott Ruscoe used the tie as a chance to make changes, with Alex Darlington and Greg Draper both taking the opportunity of a start with two goals apiece.

Ryan Brobbel also found the net on a testing surface, with Richie Foulkes pulling one back with a penalty for the Cymru Alliance hosts.

Being three goals to the good at half-time allowed the TNS chief to blood three of his youngsters in the second period. The only downside was defender Blaine Hudson picking up a knock to the ankle.

TNS are back on the cup trail on Saturday when they welcome Scottish visitors Elgin City in third round of IRN-BRU Cup (4.30pm).

After the drama of their penalty shoot-out victory over Livingston in the previous round, the Welsh Premier champions again have the advantage of playing at Park Hall.

And they will be justifiably confident after being paired with one of the lowest ranked sides remaining from the Scottish League division two who face the unenviable 880-mile round trip from the Highlands.

Known as the Black & Whites, part-time Elgin suffered a blow this week with manager Jim Weir joining Forfar Athletic.

Their form has been mixed in the Scottish League division two, picking up 11 points from their first eight outings. Last weekend they drew 2-2 away to high flying Stirling Albion, and lie sixth in the table.

Left back Chris Marriott is back in training and is close to a return after his knee operation, but fellow defender Steve Saunders is still out with a thigh injury.

It's a big few days for the Saints who visit Connah's Quay Nomads - one of their likely rivals for the title - in a crunch Welsh Premier encounter next Tuesday.

TNS Ladies kept up the pressure on the leaders in the Womens FA Premier League Midlands division one with a 7-1 hammering of Burton Albion Ladies - their fifth straight victory.

Kim Bebbington and Sophie Davies both scored twice along with Charlotte Canlett, Emily Ridge and Laura Morris before Natasha Rothery notched a late consolation for the visitors.

## Oswestry School net the title



Oswestry School captain Dennis Bates holds the cup with team coach Alun Morris and players Omar Elbasyouny, Sam Finley, Owen Robinson, Ben Clark, Curtis Yue, Ryan Nyamandi, Leroy Celotto and Tom Gray

OSWESTRY School footballers scored a notable triumph at the 2017 Independent Schools Football Association Sixes competition.

Some 28 schools competed in four groups of seven teams in this year's anniversary event hosted by historic Charterhouse – 60 years after it was first held in 1957.

Returning to the competition after a gap of five years, Oswestry School made its mark in defeating Dulwich, Shrewsbury and Charterhouse to land the plate competition.

The school were not expected to make much of an impact at this year's tournament, but, after winning the first two league games 4-0 against Kimbolton and Ardingly, hopes were running high before securing their place in the trophy knockout against Chigwell.

The boys then turned on the heat in the second

half of the quarter-finals to overcome Dulwich 3-1 and secure a place in the semis against local rivals Shrewsbury.

A solid win against Shrewsbury took Oswestry into the final to take on group rivals and hosts Charterhouse once again, and they rose to the challenge with a 2-0 win to lift the first piece of ISFA silverware in the school's history.

Team coach Alun Morris, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for our boys and a great way to kick-off the new football season."

"Returning to the Sixes tournament after five years, we had no expectations and were delighted to not only win games against some of the biggest sporting schools in the UK, but to return to Oswestry with the Plate Cup."

## Llanrhaeadr targeting a Cup upset

ON-SONG Llanrhaeadr are targeting a Welsh Cup upset when they entertain Queens Park in the first round of the JD Welsh Cup on Saturday.

Llan have pulled off some notable results in the competition in recent seasons, and now set their sights on their Wrexham visitors from the Cymru Alliance.

Queens Park have struggled this term since their promotion to the Alliance, with last week's 7-0 hammering at Caernarfon Town adding to their problems.

But, despite his side's good form in the Spar Mid Wales League, Llanrhaeadr chairman Mel Roberts still anticipates a stern test against higher league opposition.

"It will be a tough game regardless of their league form as they are a Cymru Alliance club which we should be aspiring to be," he said. "We're looking forward to the challenge."

**GUILSFIELD** also have home advantage when they renew acquaintance with former Cymru Alliance club Mold Alex, who they defeated in extra time last season. Berriew visit local rivals and Spar second division club Abermule as they endeavour to keep their flag flying in the competition.

**LLANFAIR UNITED** face a tough task at Flint Town United, a side they famously defeated last season on their way to reaching the quarter-finals.

Chirk AAA, holders of the FAW Trophy, go to Brickfield Rangers, while Carno will look to get back on track when they entertain Gresford Athletic.

**Saturday's first round games (selected ties):** Buckley Town v Llanidloes Town, Carno v Gresford Athletic, Garden Village v Penrhyncoch, Aberaeron v Llanelli, Llanrhaeadr v FC Queens Park, Flint Town Utd v Llanfair United, Guilsfield v Mold Alex, Abermule v Berriew, Airbus UK v Bow Street, Brickfield Rangers v Chirk AAA, Caersŷ v Prestatyn Sports, Cwmaman United v Rhayader Town.

## Eagles looking for elusive home win

COBRA will look to continue their unbeaten start to the season when they entertain Powys rivals Llanidloes in the second round of the WRU Bowl on Saturday (2.30).

The Meifod men have won all four games this term, three in the Welsh League division two (north), after last weekend's comfortable 32-3 rain soaked success at home to Rhyf.

But they could face a sterner challenge this weekend against a Llanidloes side who, also undefeated this season.

Meanwhile, **OSWESTRY** look for their first home win in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two - but face a tough task when they welcome unbeaten Liverpool Collegiate on Saturday (3pm).

While they have had little joy at home this term, Oswestry have won all three away outings on the road - the latest being a 12-8 success at Wigan last weekend.

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